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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Leaning into it — Pam Gertie, who joined Silverado in December, says working out at a club works better than using the equipment in her basement, which was gathering dust.

Say you made a resolution

By Rebecca Lipchitz

Is the January rush on health club memberships a group of fitness phonies or earnest exercisers? If Andover residents have resolved to get in shape this year, they aren't doing it when anyone is looking.

The Townsman searched this week for Andover residents who recently signed up at local gyms to fulfill New Year's resolutions. What we found were many regulars who say exercise is a way of life for them, but few new-comers.

Yet health club directors say the resolvers did come out — that their membership skyrocketed this January, which is an annual phenomenon. Have new members abandoned their goals already?

Colleen Mengell, director of member services for the Andover/North Andover YMCA, says they average 10 new memberships a day in January.

Julie Chechik, who also works in membership at the YMCA, agrees. "People were signing up like crazy the day after New Year's Day. It was their New Year's resolution to join," she says.

While regulars reportedly pine for the start of February when the crowd thins (by number, not by volume), trainers at local fitness centers try to encourage new patrons to stick with their programs.

"You don't have to be in here sweating to death or writhing in pain," says Ted Bertini, physical director at the Y.

He says 80 percent of the members who sign on to a fitness plan are still on it a year later.

The key to designing a program someone can stick to, Bertini says, is sometimes finding out what they will actually do, as opposed to what they say they want.

"People come in asking which machines burn the most calories. The answer is 'the machine that you use.' If you only last five minutes

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Assault alleged at meeting

By Rebecca Lipchitz

A few Ballardvale residents can expect a reprimand from Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski in a special meeting later this month.

After Perry Raffi, a member of the Ballardvale Historic District Commission, was accused of threatening neighbors, Stapczynski says he plans to address the group.

"As public officials, and in this case, special municipal employees, we must put our petty issues aside and put on the cloak of public office. If people can't do that, perhaps they ought not to participate in the arena of public officials," Stapczynski says.

According to Andover police, Ballardvale residents Madeline and Bob Partridge

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Summit comes to Andover

Preserve and protect

By Rebecca Lipchitz

State environmental and development officials came to Andover last week to promote their latest weapon in the battle against suburban sprawl — the proposed Community Preservation Act, which would let local communities raise money for preservation by taxing real estate transactions or adding a surcharge to property taxes.

And while Andover planners and officials welcomed them, they say there are no simple answers to the problem.

The Community Preservation Summit was hosted by state Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand and other state officials, and held last Friday morning at Old Town Hall.

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Man with a plan — Environmental Secretary Bob Durand pushes the Community Preservation Act.

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TownTalk



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Master builder — Is it a set of Year 2000 Tinker Toys? No, it's a bridge built by Andover High School geometry student Justin Ho, which held up 74 textbooks without collapsing. For more about the class bridge-building contest, see story, page 11.

Freedom of the fluorescents?

Perhaps selectmen believe it's payback time.

That's one possible explanation for why they're trying to take control of street-corner newspaper boxes.

Or maybe board members are just tired of being painted in an unflattering light by journalists. After all, selectmen have talked about dictating what color the boxes themselves can be painted.

Whatever the reason, selectmen want this year's Town Meeting to limit what type of containers can be used to sell newspapers on town streets.

Selectmen Chairman John Hess says the town's proposed "news racks bylaw" would affect newspapers such as the *Townsmen*, which occasionally upset selectmen with its editorial stances. While the Constitution protects freedom of the press, Hess says the courts have

allowed towns some control over the boxes used to hold newspapers.

Not every selectmen is interested in controlling the boxes of recognized newspapers, however. Selectmen Lori Becker says the board should focus only on controlling the small boxes used to distribute real estate listings and other free fliers.

She says that while some of these boxes are frequently found in disarray, "you guys (newspapers such as the *Townsmen*) are responsible with the boxes."

Selectmen say they don't like to see the real estate racks chained to trees.

They also want to control the style of such racks because they want to make sure the racks meet a certain visual standard.

If the town is going to spend millions to improve its down-

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nomination papers are available

Nomination papers for the annual town election to be held Tuesday, March 28, are available at the Town Clerk's office.

The offices on the ballot this year are:

- Moderator, one for one year;
- School Committee, two for three years;
- Selectman, two for three years;
- Housing authority, one for five years;
- Greater Lawrence Technical School representative, one for three years; and
- Punchard Free School, five for three years.

The last day to return nomination papers to the Town Clerk's office for certification is Tuesday, Feb. 8.

For more information, call the Town Clerk's office at 623-8200.

Finegold sets hours

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold, D-Andover, will hold office hours in Andover on Tuesday, Jan. 25, 6 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, and Thursday, Jan. 27, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Tax bills due Feb. 1

The Town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for Fiscal Year 2000. Payment is due Tuesday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the Assessors office. Applications for abatements must be received in the Assessors office by 7:30 p.m. Feb. 1.

The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mail-

box with the blue Town of Andover seal in front of the Town Offices. The Assessors office and the Tax Collectors office will also be open Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. If you have not received a bill or if you have questions, call the Town Offices at 623-8200.

For the record

In the *Townsmen's* Jan. 6 front-page story "In praise of air, water," it was incorrectly reported that 200 Andover residents had attended the town's annual Hazardous Materials collection day in 1999. More than 700 cars were at the event, says resident Norm Viehmann.

Cholesterol screening set

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic Wednesday, Jan. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon for Andover residents only. An appointment is necessary.

The simple fingerstick test for total cholesterol costs \$5 and does not require fasting. The program includes dietary counseling by the public health nurse and referral to your private physician for follow-up care as needed.

For more information, call the health department at 623-8295.

Web poll results

Last week's question on the *Townsmen's* Web page was, **Do you agree with the Board of Selectmen's decision this week to extend, and possibly expand, the downtown sticker parking program?**

While only 15 online readers responded, a clear majority of 10 to 5 opposed it.

This week's question is: **Do you support the Community Preservation Act, which would allow Andover to raise money for preservation by adding a tax to real estate transactions or by adding a surcharge to property taxes?**

Surf to www.andovertownsmen.com and cast your vote.

Quote, unquote . . .

'Trying to put a facility of this sort into a residential neighborhood is going to cause a furor."

Selectman Mary French, during a discussion about where to put a new town yard — the place where the town stores street maintenance supplies and vehicles.

'Sometimes crisis brings people together, and I really think that is what has happened here."

Habitat for Humanity volunteer Margo Bixby, on the aftermath of Habitat's former director being convicted and sentenced for embezzling \$135,000 from the organization.

'It's like we paid for the moving van."

State Sen. Susan Fargo, D-Lincoln, complaining that a loophole in a state law giving a tax break to Raytheon and other manufacturers allowed them to lay off workers while still qualifying for the tax break.

'Any responsible form of government that does not study itself could put itself in disarray."

Selectman Larry Larsen, arguing in favor of establishing a commission to study the Town Charter.

NEWS CALENDAR

Thursday, January 13

School Building Committee, second floor, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 18

School Committee, School Committee room, School Administration Building, executive session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, January 19

Patriotic Holiday Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7 p.m.

Finance Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Building Committee, third

floor, Town Offices, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 20

Merrimack Valley Advisory Committee, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 6-9 p.m.

Recycling Committee, second-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 24

Board of Selectmen, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 25

Planning Board, third-floor conference room, Town Offices, 7:30 p.m.

School Committee, budget workshop, School Committee room, School Administration Building, 7 p.m.

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TOWN TALK

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town it seems wrong to "have a fluorescent plastic box," sitting on Main Street, says Brian Major.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has suggested putting the current boxes inside another box that is more to the selectmen's personal taste.

"If there's any way you can, let's," says Mary French, who prefers a wooden box.

But while officials spend time discussing what news racks should be allowed in Andover's new improved downtown, they have failed to launch the long-discussed, extensive downtown improvement project itself.

Until Andover produces a downtown improvement plan the state accepts, the state will not release any funds. Andover has already had one plan rejected by the state, and is waiting to hear

about a second plan, says Hess.

This potential state money would fix sidewalks and make other downtown improvements some residents might argue are more significant than changing the look of a few news racks.

— Neil Fater

Crisis brings Habitat together

Monday wasn't the best of days for Habitat for Humanity — the home-building charity that has had an essentially spotless reputation for decades.

Richard F. Cummings Jr., 42, the former director of Habitat's Lawrence chapter, was sentenced to 30 months in jail — six to be served — for embezzling \$135,000 from the organization. Cummings was also ordered to repay the money and to do 100 hours of community service.

But Andover's Margot Bixby, a Habitat volunteer who has been with the local chapter since it

began in 1985, says while Habitat's reputation may have been tarnished, she is enthused and optimistic about its future.

"Sometimes crisis brings people together," she says, "and I really think that is what has happened here. We have a wonderful new board and a great spirit."

The last half year has been very tough, she admits. "He (Cummings) was a friend. I had gone to Guatemala with him (on a Habitat trip) and it was wonderful. We got back at the end of March, and then in May this all came out. It was really a shocker. I guess everybody has a dark side, and you just hope it doesn't come out."

Bixby says Cummings' scheme might have continued for a while longer if he hadn't been out of work one day. "Our treasurer discovered it," she says. "Richard wasn't in the office, and an American Express bill came in. We didn't have an account with American Express."

Since the discovery, Bixby says Habitat has instituted much more stringent financial controls, "so this kind of thing can't happen again. So the time is good for giving to housing. And it's always a cause that needs support."

The local chapter has built 30 homes, all in Lawrence, since it began, but of the eight new homes under construction, six are in Methuen.

Since the program began, Bixby says only



Margot Bixby

three families have moved out of the homes built by Habitat, and only one of those was a case where the owner had to be evicted because the mortgage wasn't being paid.

New families that come into a house that has already been built still have to contribute 500 hours toward the construction of another home she says.

Bixby adds that a large contingent of Andover residents volunteer for Habitat. "You'd be pleasantly surprised at the number," she says. "And you don't just have to use a hammer and nails. We had one gentleman show up who is an expert in marketing, so he's working in that area."

To volunteer or contribute to Habitat, call 681-8858.

— Taylor Armerding

Boston man faces attempted murder charge

A Boston man faces attempted murder charges after allegedly attempting to shove a woman out of his car Tuesday evening on Interstate 93 in Andover, while traveling at 55 mph.

Andover police assisted state police in the incident, in which James A. Murphy, 31, of Boston, allegedly shoved Sasha Johnson, 18, from his car close to the Dascomb Road exit at about 6:30 p.m. Murphy was arrested after police were called by a motorist using a cell phone.

Johnson, who suffered scrapes and a broken ankle, was treated at Lawrence General Hospital.

Murphy was held overnight at the Essex County House of Correction in Middleton, and pleaded not guilty to charges of assault, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and assault with intent to murder before Judge Michael Stella at his arraignment Wednesday morning in Lawrence District Court.

Murphy was held on \$100,000 cash bail, and was ordered to have no contact with the victim. His case was continued to Feb. 9.

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Preserve ...

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Town officials, planners, legislators, and residents from Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut, filled the hall to discuss what defines their communities and how to preserve those characteristics.

The presentation included estimated "buildout" reports, showing that Andover's population could grow to 41,000 people, or an additional 10,000 from the current population, if all available land were developed.

State and town officials say those figures were not as up to date as the buildout analyses conducted in the Andover Department of Community Development, but serve as a guideline to officials in tracking and managing growth.

Durand says that while the state's population has grown 6 percent in the last 20 years, the population has been using 36 percent more of the developable land.

One reason the suburbs have been developed more quickly and inner cities are abandoned is that developers can build a new building on an empty lot for less money than they would have to spend to repair an older city building. If the state Legislature passes the CPA, the money raised would help cities repair and restore crumbling downtowns, or help suburbs preserve open space, Durand says.

The specifics about how the act would be funded has still not been settled by the House Senate.

The Senate version of the bill would give towns the option of raising money by adding a .5-percent surcharge on property tax bills, or by charging a transfer tax to residents buying homes in town.

The House version would not include a transfer tax, but would only raise money through a property tax surcharge.

The state would also contribute to each town, and each town would have local control over how to spend it.

Andover planners

and officials say they would support the CPA if it did not include a transfer tax, which would counter measures to keep housing affordable.

Planning Board Chairman Michael Miller notes that the transfer tax only charges people moving in or out of town, but benefits the whole community.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski says he would consider a version of the CPA funded by a transfer tax if only higher-priced homes were taxed.

"You have to try and create funding without hurting the first-time home buyer," he says.

If the funding mechanisms were fair, Miller says the CPA could help address Andover's lack of open space for recreation, and the need to preserve historic structures, rather than just delay demolition, the extent of authority for the town.

Miller says he attempted to address open space and historic preservation in his proposal to create a quasi-public economic development corporation.

CPA money could be used to restore historic structures, and to create affordable housing, "a pressing need," Miller says.

Andover's Director of Planning Steve Colyer says community preservation for Andover means striking a balance among the issues.

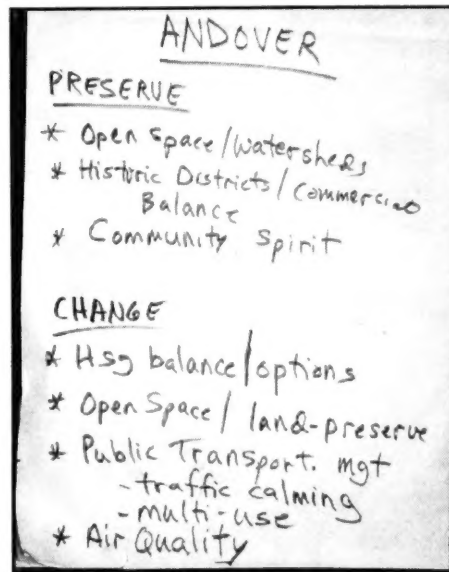
"It (money from the CPA) would mean more options. And there would probably be enough for everybody," Colyer says.

Andover has the potential to raise \$1.7



Photos by Carol Van Doren

Getting ready — Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Norma Villarreal and Norm Viehmann get ready to present the town's priorities.



The list — Andover's preservation priorities.

million to put toward community preservation in Andover under the CPA, according to Durand.

At the forum Friday, officials listed priorities as preserving a mix of housing prices, preservation of open space, and transportation management such as increased public transportation or traffic calming measures.

Andover's Norm Viehmann added that the town needs improved air quality.

Preservation Commission Chairman Karen Herman agrees that preserving the community would include a combination of efforts including preserving historic buildings and open space, but what makes any town unique is always difficult to describe.

"It's the feeling of the past mixed up, in an appropriate way, with the present," she says.

State Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, who helped organize the forum with the EOE, says she wasn't surprised by any of the issues town officials in the region say are important to their communities, but notes that all the towns were calling for traffic controls.

Tucker says she supports the Senate version of the bill that allows towns to have an option of how to raise the money.

"It's very much a home rule kind of bill," she says. "The basic question is how do we keep the character of our community," she says.

The answer, according to Colyer, is not as basic, he says.

Preservation efforts to retain a quaint, rural New England atmosphere have been successful to date through thoughtful planning, he says, but times are changing.

"At some point in time Andover will have to face up to its proximity to Boston and its growing population," he says.

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Larsen wins narrow majority for charter review

By Neil Fater

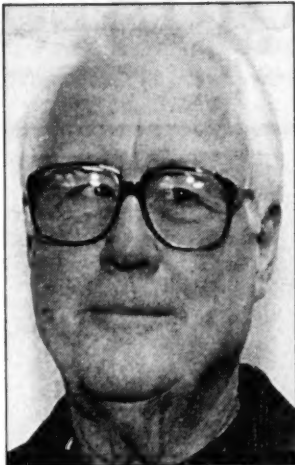
Should Andover continue to have an open Town Meeting that allows all residents to speak their mind? Does Andover government need other sweeping — or minor — changes?

Residents will have a chance to debate such important questions during the next two years.

With a narrow 3-2 majority, Selectman Larry Larsen won the support of the board for his plan to form a charter commission that will review the Andover's most important document, the town charter.

This commission will represent a diverse cross-section of Andover residents and present a report in two years, says Larsen.

Selectmen John Hess and Lori Becker joined Larsen in supporting a charter review, though both Hess and Larsen made a point to state that they strongly support open Town Meeting.



Larsen — Don't be afraid of change.

Selectmen Brian Major and Mary French voted against the review.

"I'm not sure that our form of operating the town is in such disarray that we need to go through a full charter review," says Major.

"I don't think the town of Andover is in any great disarray," says Larsen. "But any responsible form of government that does not study itself could put itself in disarray."

Larsen questioned why people "talk as if change is somehow evil."

Larsen says he sees the charter commission studying issues such as whether:

- the town manager's contract should be for less than five years;
- there should be more than five selectmen;
- one selectman should be elected from each of the town's precincts;
- Finance Committee members should be

elected; and

- the moderator should be elected for more than one year at a time.

"I don't feel that there's anything to fear in change," says Larsen.

But French compares the charter to the United States Constitution.

She notes that when the U.S. government wants to change something, it doesn't establish a new constitutional convention, it passes an amendment.

And Andover just recently amended the charter to require a School Committee member to be part of any school building project, says Town Manager Buzz

Stapczynski.

"Obviously I'm sensitive to my five-year term," chuckles Stapczynski. "But irrespective of that, (the charter) has stood the test of time."

Andover's charter has seen few changes in its 40 years. But when the town established it in the late 1950s, the move marked the end of an era.

By 1958, Town Meeting had created a town manager position for the first time, turned 24 previously elected positions into appointed posts and barred selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee members from holding other offices.

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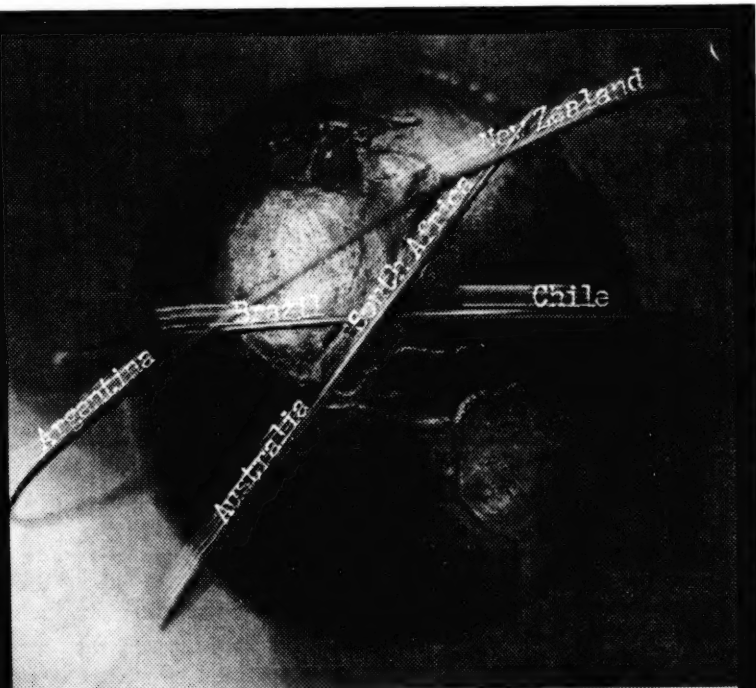
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Let's talk about change

It was President Clinton who said, while running for the office back in 1992, that we needed "the courage to change."

It is Selectman Larry Larsen, about to leave office, who is arguing that we need to have the courage to at least talk about changing. And whoever replaces him will probably come charging into office, filled with ideas about change.

In other words, "change" has always been part of the political mantra, from the national to the local level, and it probably always will be.

But Larsen should be commended for bringing more to the table than simply the word, or some vague assurance that change somehow means progress.

In making a pitch to create a commission to study the Town Charter, the outgoing selectman listed five specific topics to be studied.

Some of them, such as the suggestion that the town moderator be elected for more than one year at a time, probably wouldn't bring any revolutionary change to the life of the town.

Others, such as a requirement that one selectman should be elected from each of the town's precincts, and another to expand the board from its current five members, would be revolutionary indeed, and perhaps set Andover's government on a path toward transforming itself from a town to a city.

Still another, that the town manager's contract should be for less than five years, carries the potential for all sorts of debate over stability, political interference and who's actually running this place anyway, the selectmen or the manager.

The same could be true of electing Finance Committee members. They might become more responsive to the electorate. Then again, they might be more vulnerable to special interests.

Perhaps after two years, the commission will conclude that the charter is just fine as it is. Perhaps it will recommend an overhaul. But anything it recommends will have to come before Town Meeting. So, as Larsen says, local residents and their representatives should not fear a discussion and review of the town's major governing document.

The town manager is correct when he asserts that the charter has "stood the test of time."

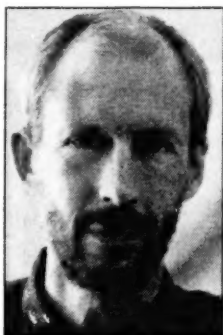
But Larsen is also correct to assert that "any responsible form of government that does not study itself could put itself in disarray."



Photo by Rebecca Lipchitz

Riders near the sky — Three equestrians from Windkist Farm in North Andover rode to the top of Holt Hill in Andover Sunday, taking advantage of winter's continuing unseasonably balmy weather. From left, Martha Walsh of Marblehead rides Heath, Kathy Wilk of North Andover rides Alex, and Marcia Richter of North Reading rides Riley the palomino.

Thoughts from a moderate preservationist



Taylor Armerding

"Everything in moderation."

I'm going to admit to a pathetic lack of knowledge about cliché authorship and admit that I don't know who first placed that saying into the lexicon of American wisdom.

But whoever said it, I agree. And I hope that as Andover officials and other interested citizens contemplate the Community Preservation Act, they will keep that bit of wisdom in mind.

I think preservation is a fine thing. I've established a credible personal record as a preservationist. I preserve yards and yards of fabric by buying so few clothes that I bore my friends, family and colleagues to death. I preserve water by taking brief showers, and drive my kids crazy trying to get them to do the same. I preserve electricity by harassing everybody in my house to run around turning off the lights. I preserve sheet metal by insisting on at least attempting to put 200,000

miles on my cars.

Yes, and when I'm not harassing the people in my house about conservation, I enjoy open spaces, unspoiled shoreline and clean air. I think it's important to make sure those things don't disappear.

But I still start to get a little nervous when I hear exhortations about "preserving Andover as we know it," — one of the messages at last Friday's Preservation Summit, held at Old Town Hall.

Doesn't it make you wonder, just for a moment, what might have happened if our forebears at the other end of the past century had held a preservation summit and declared that they wanted to preserve Andover as they knew it?

If the crowd from 1900 had done so, a lot of us wouldn't be living here right now. And a lot of things we think are improvements — things we wouldn't want to do without — wouldn't exist either.

In other words, it's a bit presumptuous for us to assume that "Andover as we know it" is the best way for Andover to be for all time, and that generations who come after us will want it just like this. After all, we don't want it as it was 100 years ago.

It's reminiscent of the old joke that starts with the question, "What's a conservationist?" The answer, of course, is "Somebody who built his cottage at the lake last year."

In other words, preservation is a very good thing, but it is also a very tricky thing. At the heart of any discussion about it should be the question: What is it that we are trying to preserve?

If the answer doesn't include "balance" as a major factor, then preservation may not be such a good thing. Open space, hiking trails and historic homes are important. But they are part of Andover, not the only things that define it. If we emphasize those things and freeze everything else, then the town becomes a museum piece, not a living, breathing community.

Along with that, those who are lobbying for preservation should ask themselves: How did I get here? What did my house replace?

In most cases people came here because there was a place for them to live. And in virtually every case, the reason for that is because a house replaced some open space.

The same goes for all the things we have come to define as "the character" of Andover. Its roads, grocery stores, restaurants, schools, churches, municipal buildings, business districts, industrial plants, even farms and recreation fields — all of them replaced open space. Should they not have been built? Does anyone want to volunteer to have their home torn down, and their property returned to its "natural" state.

Letters

How can we let millions suffer?

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Disease, war, famine and political strife. At least one of these ingredients is present in nearly every news story involving Africa. These four things are the things that the average American knows about Africa through the limited media coverage. As an average 20 year-old college student at Merrimack College, my exposure to information about Africa has been minimal. Early education mentions hardly a word on Africa. Sure we learn about some African stuff: Egyptians, slavery and Prince Henry the Navigator, yet we fail to point out and emphasize that Africa is the cradle of the human race.

Africa indeed has been ravaged and decimated by genocide, countless wars and epidemics. Many of the continent's 700 million residents live in absolute poverty. They lack access to safe drinking water, many suffering long-term damage from malnourishment, with little or no access to medical facilities. As so many Americans were excited with the coming of a new millennium, coupled with a tremendous economic boom here in the U.S., it is truly sickening to think we let millions suffer and die in poverty because they can not afford food or medicine.

Jeff Demers
Merrimack College
315 Turnpike St.
North Andover

Thanks

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Our family would like to thank our friends in Andover and the Merrimack Valley for the incredible support and sympathy shown to us since the death of our daughter and sister, Amanda. The response has been such that we can never thank everyone personally, but we do want you all to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We would also like to acknowledge the emergency room staff of Lawrence General Hospital, the State Police, the TIP volunteer, and all who tried to help.

Meg and Jack Holmes
David Holmes
40 Osgood St.

College students: don't park here

By Neil Fater

To keep college students from scarfing too many parking spaces on town streets, Andover has instituted a resident-parking-only program on seven streets near Merrimack College.

The parking program, which garnered unanimous support from selectmen Monday, will affect Rock Ridge, Wood Cliff, Brookfield and Fox Hill roads on the south side of Elm Street, and Elysian Drive, Twin Brook Circle and Napier Road on the north side.

Residents on these streets will be eligible for a "Town Parking Permit" sticker.

"You could get one sticker for

each car. If you have five cars, you would get five stickers, as long as they are all registered on that street," says Officer Robert Cronin.

People having parties can call police and let them know they will be expecting guests, and police have pledged not to give tickets to guests.

While many residents of these streets appear to believe this is a reasonable short-term solution to keeping the Merrimack parking problem off their streets, others want to make sure selectmen force Merrimack to do something itself.

"Something is wrong with Mer-

rimack College, and they shouldn't be allowed to do this and force this problem on our neighborhoods," says Frank Singleton, of Elysian Drive.

He says Merrimack has added too much housing, and now needs to add more parking.

"You've got to go back to the college and get a long-term solution because none of us should be doing this," says Singleton. "To me, that's the right answer."

Police say Merrimack has forbidden freshman and sophomores from bringing cars to campus, but believe the problem is that some students have brought the cars anyway.

Selectmen push new sewer payment plan

By Neil Fater

The multi-million sewer extension projects approved at last year's Town Meeting, may flow back to Town Meeting again this year.

Selectmen want residents to vote to change the way betterments will be assessed for those two projects.

Selectmen think it will be fairer if everyone with a single house lot is charged the same rate. The current betterment plan charges people based on a combination of frontage and area to a depth of 100 feet. This means that each homeowner pays a different amount depending on the shape of their land.

Town Meeting would have to vote to change the betterment payment structure because voters last year assumed the old payment plan would remain in effect, says Town Council Tom Urbelis.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski also wants a public hearing

for residents affected by the project before Town Meeting. He notes that estimated betterments went out before last year's votes were cast.

If Andover does switch to a uniform payment plan for these projects, 830 people would pay less and 508 would pay more than they would have under the current payment plan, says new Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Petkus favors the uniform unit method.

"It's clean. It's clean. It's understandable," he says. Petkus also believes it's the fairest method of them all.

He says the old method allows people in identical houses to pay widely different betterments depending on the shape of their property.

"It's very difficult to explain to a property owner why there's a difference between their identical house and someone else's," he says.

Because selectmen are trying

change the betterment system now, while the town is beginning or considering several large sewer projects, selectmen will seek to accomplish three things during the next year.

They will try to:

- convince Town Meeting to change the payment structure for the projects approved last year;

- specify in any sewer projects brought to Town Meeting this year that the uniform unit method will be used; and

- create a bylaw for next year's Town Meeting that will require all future sewer extensions to be paid for through the uniform unit method.

However, selectmen say it's unlikely the town will begin any other significant sewer extension projects for several years. The project approved last year, and the proposed extension for the new Cross Street schools will tie up roads and resources for some time, making another large sewer extension difficult.

Preservation ...

Not likely. So we should be careful that, in the name of preservation, we don't succumb to what one of my friends calls the moat mentality — "Now that I'm here, you can pull up the bridge so nobody else can come in."

Second, any discussion of preservation should include the preservation of individual property rights. While there is nonstop lip service to "diversity" and "tolerance" these days, those concepts tend to disappear when the discussions about preservation turn to development or "mansionsization."

"Developers" become a faceless force of anti-environmental evil, and "mansionsization" becomes an obscene blight on the land.

The fact, of course, is that developers are people — members of the community — just like the preservationists. And not everybody thinks mansionsization is such a bad thing. Otherwise, those "obscene" homes wouldn't be selling.

There are already lots of limits on what people can do with their property. Check the zoning laws sometime if you don't believe it. The community should

be careful about adding to those limits.

It is because of such limits that, rightly or wrongly, people are skittish about being part of an historic district — they don't like to have a committee of people whose views they may not share telling them what they can or can't do with the homes and properties they sacrificed to buy, including what color they can paint the outside.

Third, the discussion should include a measure of balance about how badly this proposed new law is needed.

An example of how not to do it comes in the latest bulletin from MASSPIRG, which, in its usual breathless style, tells us that the Community Preservation Act is desperately needed because "sprawling development is tearing through open space, farmland and wetland at the astonishing rate of two acres every hour."

Well. Two acres an hour certainly sounds astonishing, although MASSPIRG doesn't tell us how it came up with that figure.

But even if it is true, it lacks any perspective. Based on those numbers, 17,520 acres a year would be developed. That's three-tenths of 1 percent of the land area in Massachusetts. In other words, if the

current rate continues, it would take a decade for 3 percent more of the state's land to be developed.

That sounds a lot less astonishing.

Finally, the discussion should include something most preservationists say they support — full disclosure. And in this case, that means acknowledging that the entire burden of paying for this is going to fall on those who buy, sell and own real estate, with transfer taxes or a surcharge on property taxes.

In other words, something that is supposedly going to benefit all the people will be funded by just some of the people.

None of this is meant to minimize our responsibility to leave our children and grandchildren a community that is healthy, vibrant and clean. It is simply meant to suggest that preservation needs moderation to be effective.

Because without growth and change, Andover wouldn't be the desirable place it is today. And it needs to continue to grow and change to preserve that desirability.

Talk back to Taylor Armerding at
tarmerding@andovertownsmen.com

Real estate tax bills again on the rise

By Neil Fater

After three years as a selectmen, Chairman John Hess is hearing his first complaints about rising tax bills.

"I'm not getting a lot of feedback on it," he says. "I've heard from less than 10 (people), and they weren't all against it."

But Hess and his fellow selectmen are hearing from at least some upset taxpayers at meetings, on the street and over the

phone. Residents just received their latest bill earlier this month.

"The average tax bill increase is \$277 this year. That's a good jump," says Town Assessor Bruce Symmes.

Annual tax bills are divided into four payments, sent out Aug. 1, Nov. 1, Jan. 1 and April 1. However, the first two bills are basically estimates based on the previous year's bill. That means a large portion of this year's aver-

age 6.42 percent increase appeared on the Jan. 1 bill. Residents will see a similar increase April 1, says Symmes.

"The 6.42 percent increase is really 12.8 (for those two bills) because they haven't paid it in the first two bills," says Symmes. "They're seeing the increase from the first two bills they didn't pay."

While this average 6.42 percent increase hits the wallet hard, it is by no means a historical first. In fact, residents saw average tax bill increases between 7.3 and 8.9 percent during the early 1990s.

Numbers crunching

So why the complaints now?

Well, the average increase of 6.42 percent is the largest average increase in four years.

It is also twice as large as the increase just two years ago.

And a recent decision by selectmen to give businesses a slight tax break while also calling for more debt exclusion overrides could have angered some residents. A pair of residents came to a recent selectmen's meeting to complain about the break given to businesses.

Another possible explanation for the complaints is that some residents have finally reached a breaking point after seeing their tax bill rise significantly for several years.

The average tax bill was \$2,911 in fiscal year 1992. This year it's \$4,598. That's an increase of nearly \$1,700 in during the past nine years.

(The tax rate, which was \$13.26 per \$100,000 of value in fiscal year '92, rose to a high water mark of \$16.41 in FY 1996, and has since dropped a bit. This year it is \$14.65. The class factor, which was 120 in FY '92, rose to 135 in FY '95 and dropped back to 126 this year.)

From FY '92 to present, the average homeowner has also seen his valuation rise from \$219,560 to \$313,850.

It's Symmes' job to accurately assess what an Andover house is worth in a booming real estate market. Some residents get upset when they see the assessed value of their home rise, because they know this can lead to a higher tax bill.

But residents themselves have complete control over how much tax money Andover needs to raise, he notes.

"It's Town Meeting that spends the money. That's where it all starts," says Symmes.

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A new angle: AHS students build bridges

Armed with no more than 100 toothpicks each and a bottle of glue, Andover High School ninth-grade geometry students set out to build bridges that could withstand hundreds of pounds of pressure.

Apparently, the students had learned their lessons well. After the first round of bridge-breaking contests Tuesday, none of the bridges broke, says math department adviser Donna Pappalardo. This week, students will test their bridges more scientifically, under weights rather than geometry books, she says.

In the contest Tuesday, bridges held as many as 74 geometry books, which weigh about three pounds each, Pappalardo says.

The exercise in bridge design was aimed at teaching students how geometry is used in real life, and the power of the triangle, she says.

"Some of them also got to be experts on

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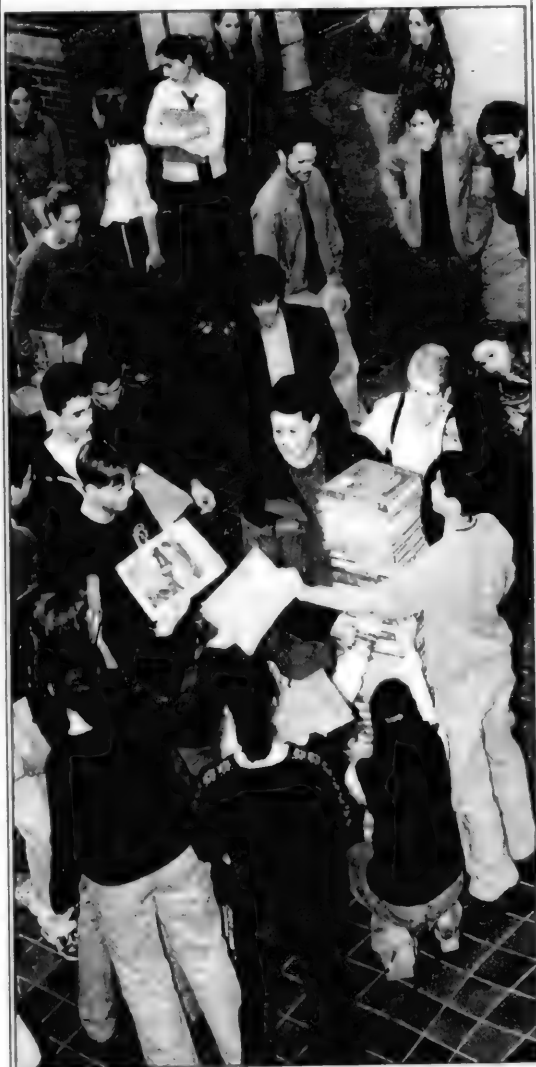


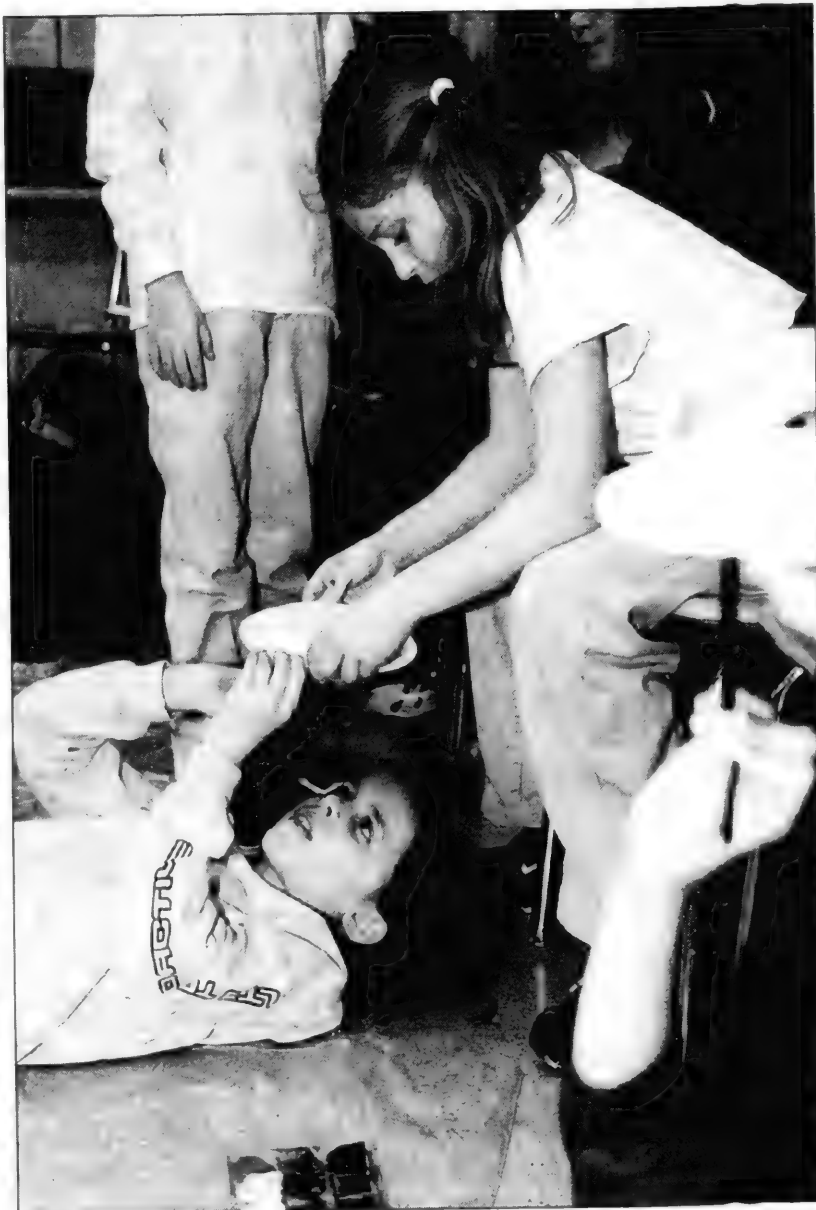
Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Finding a new angle — AHS ninth-grade geometry students tested bridges built of toothpicks by piling up geometry books.



Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Art from the ground up — Above, North Andover artist Tatia Di Chiara, as Michelangelo, talks with South School students about the difficulties the artist faced in painting the Sistine Chapel. At right, third-grader Nicole Cahill of Melissa Nussbaum's class attempts to paint from below while Rebecca Bendelson holds the artwork from above.



Environmental head Durand visits Doherty

Doherty Middle School students were asked to challenge their parents this week by asking them if they knew their watershed address.

State Environmental Affairs Secretary Robert Durand addressed Doherty Middle School students Friday about the environment and Andover's "watershed address," in the Shawsheen River Watershed.

As part of a state initiative to put 3,500 state employees before public school students to make educational presentations, Durand visited 27 schools last year.

"The important thing is to reconnect kids back to the environment in the area they live. Hopefully, individually, they'll get involved in environmental organizations,"

Durand says.

His slide presentation

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Photo by Carol Van Doren

Robert Durand, secretary of the state Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, shakes hands with Matt Biles of the Doherty Middle School on Friday morning before a slide show about the Shawsheen River Watershed.

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Durand at Doherty

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included images of the Shawsheen River, along with displays along the auditorium stage of topographical maps, locator maps, and photographs of the river and related wildlife taken by Kevin Talbot, member of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association and employee of the U.S. Post Office in Andover.

Slides of polluted rivers flowing red and green elicited squirms of disgust from some students.

Durand was in Andover on Friday, co-hosting a Community Preservation Summit at Old Town Hall with state Sen. Sue Tucker, D-Andover, who also attended the Doherty presentation.

— Rebecca Lipchitz

Bridges at AHS

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glue," Pappalardo says.

Math teacher Deborah Casey says that once students learned that a three-dimensional triangle (a tetrahedron) is stronger than a cube, many used triangles in their design.

Because smaller bridges tend to withstand more weight, students were required to build their bridges to be at least eight inches long and at least one inch high, Casey says.

Pappalardo says students also observed a variety of bridges on the Internet and on real-life roads to see how they were built, and wrote reports.

While the contest to see whose bridges could withstand the most weight was not part of students' grades, the winners received \$50 gift certificates donated by Staples, she says.

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Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools the week of Jan. 17-21:

Elementary schools

Monday: No school. Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, pizza with graham crackers, cheeseburger with fries, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy with rice, baked nuggets and puffs, mozzarella sticks with cubes of ham, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll,

milk.

Thursday: Chicken McSchool with fries, pizza with graham crackers, french toast sticks with sausage, corn, roll, peach crisp, milk.

Friday: Chicken salad on roll, pizza stick with soft pretzel, hot dog with fries, sweet potato, chocolate pudding, fruit, milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: No school. Martin Luther King Day.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and

cheese, stuffed crust cheese pizza, chicken McSchool, green beans, roll, fruit, milk.

Wednesday: Chicken and gravy with rice, baked nuggets and puffs, cheeseburger with fries, carrots, cranberry sauce, roll, milk.

Thursday: Veal parmesan with macaroni, stuffed crust cheese pizza, egg McMuffin, corn, roll, peach crisp, milk.

Friday: Chicken salad on

roll with chips, baked nuggets and puffs, two hot dogs with fries, sweet potato, chocolate pudding, fruit, milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: No school. Martin Luther Day.

Tuesday: Barbecue chicken with potato, bagel/square pizza, pasta with meatballs, cranberry sauce, corn, roll, milk.

Wednesday: Egg McMuffin with hash browns, wedge pizza, eggplant with pasta, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Baked macaroni and cheese, bagel/square pizza, ilio olio with sausage, roll, peas, fruit, milk.

Friday: Chicken and gravy with rice, wedge pizza, pasta with meatballs, cranberry sauce, corn, roll, milk.

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SCHOOL TALK

The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Doherty Middle School will meet tonight, Thursday, Jan. 13, in the school's McGrail Media Center. From 7 to 8 p.m., there will be a planning meeting for Doherty's Family Fun Night event. A general business meeting will start at 8. All parents are welcome to attend both meetings. For more information, call Carol Baffi-Dugan at 470-3542.

Kelleher Cohen Associates will hold a free information session on the key to college admission Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Silverado Athletic Club on Main Street. To register, call 474-1954, or stop by Silverado.

The Doherty Middle School Drama Club will present two performances of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. Two evenings with Alice, the Mad Hatter, and the Rabbit will take place Friday, Feb. 4, and Saturday, Feb. 5, at Doherty Middle School auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at Strawberry Tree, from the Doherty Drama Club, and on the evening of the performances. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Call 623-8750 for more information.

The Guidance Department at Greater Lawrence Technical School will hold a financial aid night tonight, Thursday, Jan. 13, from 6 to 8 in the school's cafeteria. The program is designed to provide

information to junior and senior students and their parents on completing the federal financial aid form (FAFSA) and finding other financial assistance for post-secondary education.

Two representatives from Northern Essex Community College will assist in the evening - one from the financial aid office and one to interpret for Spanish-speaking family members.

The Andover High School ski team will hold a five-hour fundraiser this Sunday, Jan. 16, in conjunction with Papa Gino's, Shawsheen Plaza.

The fundraiser takes place from noon to 5 p.m. Papa Gino's will donate 15 percent of all sales made during those

hours at its Shawsheen location to the ski team. This will include dine-in, carryout, and delivery items. Orders placed prior to 5 p.m. for delivery or pickup later that night will be included in the total sales.

Money raised will be used to fund buses for extra practices, equipment, the ski season video and the awards banquet.

Parent to Parent will sponsor a talk by Carol Plotkin, LICSW, on "Talking With Your Kids About Sexuality - Grades 4 to 7" on Wednesday, Jan. 26 (snow date: Jan. 27), from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the West Middle School auditorium.

Plotkin, using her experience and expertise as parent, lecturer and specialist in the field of sexual development,

will provide parents with a framework within which to understand normal sexual development. Methods of educating and communicating with children about sexuality will be explored.

The speaker series is free and open to the public.

Workshops for parents

"Sensory Integration: An Overview and Discussion" will be held Thursday, Feb. 3 (snow date: Feb. 8), from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on the third floor of the School Administration Building. Cost is \$10 per person; enrollment is limited.

The presenter will be Debbie Ducanson, MS OTR/L, senior staff therapist with Occupational Therapy Associ-

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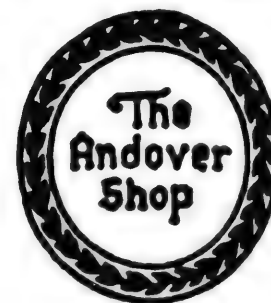
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SCHOOLTALK

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ates in Wakefield, and an occupational therapist for Peabody public schools.

The concept of sensory inte-

gration was pioneered in the 1960s by occupational therapist A. Jean Ayers. Used to treat autism and pervasive developmental disorders, it's now being extended to milder learning disabilities and sensorimotor problems faced by high-function-

ing kids. The theory is that certain children have problems registering and interpreting the sensory information - tactile, auditory and visual - that bombards them. This disrupts their ability to plan and execute appropriate responses. Kids can appear clumsy or impulsive, zippy or lazy, hypersensitive or insensitive to social cues.

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ON CAMPUS

Heather Read of Andover has been hired by Hesser College in Manchester, N.H., as an admissions manager.



Heather Read

Read has a B.A. from the University of Maine at Orono.

She has experience in medical sales and media promotions and

will serve as the college's representative in Maine and Vermont.

Hesser College's day division is accepting applications for the January 2000 term, which began Jan. 12. For more information, call (603) 668-6660.

Sophomore **Scott Lownie** from Andover was among Salem State College Presidential Scholars recognized at the Academic Convocation starting the 1999-2000 academic year.

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four years of study without cost for tuition and must meet requirements for entrance into the SSC Honors Program.

Matthew T. Leonard is a freshman at Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

Shannon E. Lee, daughter of Catherine and A. Terence Lee of Bradley Road, has become a William F. Field Alumni Scholar at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

The university's alumni association awards the scholarships, named after the former university dean of students, to academically talented students selected during their junior year. Students must be nominated by their school dean and have maintained at least a 3.5 cumulative average on a four-point scale for at least two consecutive years. Students receive a \$750 scholarship and a certificate of recognition.

Lee is a marketing major, a Commonwealth Scholar and a member of Golden Key National Honor Society. She

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News

Former industrial sites sought for town yard

By Neil Fater

A formerly polluted site in the Lowell Junction area is one of the industrial sites the town plans to consider purchasing for a new town yard.

Following a Board of Selectmen request to look for industrial land the town can buy, Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi says has not analyzed any such available land yet, but plans to at least look at a site on River Road and another in the Lowell Junction area owned by the Reichhold Chemical Co.

During the past several years, Reichhold has received praise from town health director Everett Penney for its work to clean up the polluted portions of its site.

But while the site was running from 1954 until 1990, it produced chemicals — and some pollution horror stories.

People used to find goose feet stuck in sticky residue that collected atop one of the buildings, says Penney.

Former assessor Bill Krajewski told the *Townsmen* in 1998 that the closed manufacturing plant "was one of the scariest places I can ever remember being in."

But Krajewski predicted the \$1.27-million value of the Reichhold site (in 1998) would skyrocket once the clean-up was complete there.

"It's a gorgeous site if it's clean," said Krajewski. "I don't think I'm pushing it to say I could see a \$10 million value down there."

The total value of all the Reichhold land has increased this year. But Reichhold owns nine separate parcels of land in the Lowell Junction area.

Andover may be interested only in the 10-acre site at 0 Tewksbury St. that's assessed at just \$180,000.

Two other sites with buildings on them, are assessed at significantly more. A nearly five-acre lot with building is assessed at more than \$650,000, while a three-acre site with building has a \$822,000 value, says Assessor Bruce Symmes.

When Reichhold was cleaning up the site, John Oldham, Reichhold project manager, said it left the empty shell of some buildings because it feared river-protection laws might make new construction at the site difficult.

Why industrial land?

Whether or not any of the Reichhold parcels proves a good buy for the town, selectmen want Piantedosi to look for an industrial site Andover can use.

"Trying to put a facility of this sort into a residential neighborhood is going to cause a furor," says Selectman Mary French. "So I'd be interested to know what other sites are out there."

Selectmen also have some interest in using the existing town-yard area for commuter rail parking, and possibly retail space. Town planner Steve Colyer and state Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, say the state may help pay to turn the area into another parking lot for the Andover MBTA stop, which is adjacent to the town yard.

"There's definitely a desire for more parking. I think the issue is really one of planning. Is that the best use for that area?" says Finegold. "If it's the will of the board, I believe there will be state money available to at least look into this."

Fostering togetherness

Wherever the new town yard ends up, Piantedosi hopes to move his administration offices out of town offices and into it. This would not only put more of the plant and facilities department under one roof, so to speak, it would also free up more room in the crowded Bartlet Street Town Offices.

Although Selectman Larry Larsen suggests splitting the town yard into several small yards, dispersed around town, Piantedosi says that would be a mistake.

"Everybody gets their fuel there. Everybody has their vehicles services there," says Piantedosi. "There is an advantage to keeping as much of this together as possible."

Town-owned yard options: none are perfect

By Neil Fater

While selectmen hope to find industrial land that Andover can buy to relocate the town yard (see related story, above), the town already owns three sites it can use.

The sites include the existing, downtown yard at the bottom of Lewis Street, an area behind the West Fire Station and school-controlled land off Route 125.

Architect Herbert Zeller has analyzed these sites at the town's request, and says each has strengths and weaknesses.

"They all have their issues," says Zeller, but adds, "any one of them could be developed."

Below is a look at each of the three town-owned areas Andover has considered for an expanded town yard. Among other functions, town yard is where vehicles are repaired and maintained, salt and sand for the roadways are stored, and town vehicles get gas.

Current yard

Zeller says the town needs at least six to eight acres to adequately expand the town yard. The current site has only 3.3 acres.

Because of this, the town would need to buy surrounding residential land, and get somewhat creative with its building layout. This means that offices might have to be built on top of garage space.

"We'd definitely have to go to a multi-level facility there to make it



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

The options — Town-owned properties available as possible town-yard sites are shown by the dark shading.

work," says Zeller.

Another problem with the existing yard is that it's built on a steep hill close to Buxton Court and Lewis Street residents.

However the existing town yard is close to the public safety center, decreasing the chances for vandalism, and is the most centrally located of the sites.

Another potential problem is that selectmen may also want the current town yard area to be used for parking for the MBTA commuter rail.

Selectmen Brian Major and Larry Larsen have questioned whether the MBTA would help pay to move the yard in exchange for the town allowing the site to be used for commuter-train parking.

West Fire Station land

While the fire-station land includes only five acres, Zeller says if the town closed Ledge Road and used the capped landfill across that street, it would have plenty of space for a town yard. Ledge

Road is a small road without houses that is used as a short cut between Chandler and Greenwood roads.

But one "major hurdle" for this site, says Zeller, is that the storage of de-icing material would be prohibited there. The land falls within a watershed protection district.

Larsen opposes using this site because it's near a playing field area and he believes it still "has the future of being a community center."

Route 125 school site

This final site covers 48 acres, but about half of it is wetlands.

Zeller proposes filling one wetland area and creating a new one elsewhere on the site, to form a seven-acre rectangular area large enough for the proposed yard.

However, because it will be difficult for large trucks to enter and exit this site off Route 125, Zeller suggests Andover could try to buy some land from the Andover School of Montessori or a North Main Street resident and access the site off Route 28.

If this site were used, it would take workers longer to respond to certain parts of town. While it is estimated no trip would take longer than 16 minutes from either the current yard or the proposed fire station site, a trip to West Andover from the Route 125 site would take 25 minutes.

Resolution ...

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on a machine, it's self-defeating," he says.

Lest Andover be divided into those who exercise and those who don't, the expansion of the YMCA slated for this year is expected to include the creation of a "Ready to be Fit" program, designed to help those who wouldn't know a Nautilus from a forklift get into the gym without being intimidated by complicated machines or over-ambitious goals.

"We try to keep the atmosphere from being overwhelming. We don't compete with Gold's Gym," Bertini says.

The Y is also home to many regulars.

Chuck Keeler, 35, who was weight-training Tuesday morning at the YMCA, says he has been working out regularly since he was 18, and prefers weights to running. He visits the YMCA four times a week now that he moved to the Shawsheen neighborhood, he says.

But even a die-hard like Keeler admits to taking a week or two off during the holidays.

While many were taking a break in December, Andover's Pam Gertie joined Silverado, a fitness club for women in downtown Andover. Gertie, 42, says she once had a basement stash of exercise equipment that began to collect dust.

After reading about the benefits of weight-training, she found a program to which she could commit, she says.

"You can vary your routine. That's the part that makes it interesting," says Gertie.

She decided to try weight-training in an effort to gain strength and ward off dangers like osteoporosis.

"I don't enjoy aerobics. I'm more



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

Sticking to it — Paul Roy has been working out for six months, and says his goal is simply to stay healthy. the solitary type," she says.

Elise Caffrey, owner of Silverado, says their membership rush often occurs in late December.

"A lot of gift certificates are purchased by well-intending spouses and friends," Caffrey says, but adds that Silverado is not immune to the New Year's influx of the resolute, she says.

"Statistics show that 40 percent of adults exercise, which is probably consistent with the percentage of people who stick with their programs."

Health club owners also say they can't tell who has decided to take their exercise regimen outdoors in the spring, and who has given up.

Sue Luby, who runs BodySense Yoga, says her goal is to teach her clients something, no matter how many classes they attend. While some clubs cash in on the January rush, Luby

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Assault ...

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filed a complaint that Raffi threatened them at the commission's Jan. 5 meeting.

Both Raffi and Madeline Partridge, reached at home Tuesday by phone, declined to comment.

Tensions over a long-standing dispute between Raffi and neighbors led to the argument at last week's meeting.

According to Police Lt. James Hashem, Madeline Partridge said Raffi assaulted her at the meeting by pushing her.

Andover police have applied for a summons, Hashem says, meaning a hearing will be held before a clerk magistrate to determine whether or not Raffi would be charged with assault and battery.

Police, who listened to a tape of the meeting, say it includes sounds of a ruckus and people yelling, but no discernible verbal threats by Raffi against the Partridges.

While board members reported to police that they heard Raffi make threats, no witnesses say they saw any physical contact between Raffi and Bob Partridge, according to police.

Historic District Commission board member Ron Kravette, Raffi's next-door neighbor who has been at odds with Raffi over a fence Raffi erected, says Madeline Partridge was injured when she tried to restrain Raffi as he yelled at and threatened her husband.

"It was absolutely terrifying," Kravette said.

Stapczynski says he plans to call a special meeting to address the board and neighbors about the incident.

"This is the kind of lecture I give my 9- and 11-year-old when they fight," Stapczynski

says.

He plans to address the board and members of the public about conduct at a public meeting.

"Enough is enough. They are an embarrassment to my administration, to the town, to the bylaw we fought for at the Town Meeting, and to the credibility of Andover's system of government," Stapczynski says.

He expects members of the public in dealing with town boards to take their grievances through the proper channels, he says.

"The public has to be reminded that if there is disagreement with

the board, there is recourse, often not back to the board. To bring it up at a commission meeting when they have taken action and an appeal has been heard, that's inappropriate," he says.

He also said he plans to address board members, but the message is "aimed at two" of them.

"If I don't see an improvement in behavior, we'll have a time out. That means I'll be asking for resignations and the last step would be to relieve people of the awesome responsibility of being a public servant, and I don't do that lightly," Stapczynski says.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - At 1:41 a.m., Christopher Howarth, 27, of 4 Exeter St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving with a revoked license, failing to stop for police while driving, speeding, failing to stay in marked lanes and a red light violation.

At 8:01 a.m., Michael P. Pappalardo, 36, 11 Collins St., Seabrook, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with a second offense of driving with a revoked license.

At 10:11 a.m., Barbara Valente, 40, of 43 Hartshorn St., Reading, was arrested at the station and charged with three counts of creating a bomb scare.

Monday, Jan. 10 - At 5:48 a.m., Richard J. Harris, 31, of 53 View St., Dracut, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines for driving under the influence of alcohol.

At 1:54 p.m., Edgar A. Mohammed, 20, of 61 Butler St., Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged on a warrant for possessing a Class D drug, distributing drug paraphernalia, driving without having a license in his possession and for miscellaneous vehicle equipment violations.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - At 6:41 a.m., Scott H. Pearson, 51, of 8S Crystal St., Haverhill, was arrested on River Road and charged with driving with a revoked license.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - At 8:28 a.m., a detective was to file on suspicious activity at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

At 1:10 p.m., a man who ran away from Tewksbury State Hospital turned himself in. Tewksbury police were contacted, and hospital personnel later arrived at the station to take the 33-year-old back to the hospital.

At 1:58 p.m., an Andover resident reported that she was assaulted by her high-school-age son, who had to be restrained by an older son from hitting her with his hands. The caller reported that the previous night the younger son had gotten out two knives during an incident. An officer responded and reported no physical violence had occurred.

Thursday, Jan. 6 - At 2:08 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to a man in Andover.

At 9:13 p.m., an officer was to file regarding a complaint from a Center Street couple of an assault. They reported that they were assaulted by another Center Street resident, after a meeting at town offices the previous night (see story, page 1).

Friday, Jan. 7 - At 11:07 a.m., an officer was to file a report regarding an assault at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

At 10:37 p.m., a detective was to file on suspicious activity on Post Office Avenue.

Saturday, Jan. 8 - At 1:50 p.m., an Andover woman turned in a pager that she had found on High Street.

At 10:12 p.m., a Lovejoy Road man reported that a group of kids had run onto the golf course, and he thought they had beer. A sergeant reported checking the area without seeing anyone.

Sunday, Jan. 9 - At 10:33 a.m., an officer talked with a male he saw climbing over a fence on Red Spring Road. The man had a screwdriver with him, and said he was an employee who was locked out of the building. Officers checked the man's record and found no warrants for his arrest. They left a message for the business' contact person.

At 1:45 p.m., an officer reported someone giving him an Australian license, found on Main Street, for a 21-year-old woman. The officer

checked the area and called Phillips Academy and Merrimack College but found no one with the name on the license.

At 9:59 p.m., a woman came to the safety center to report she had been assaulted Friday night at the Wyndham Hotel.

At 10:02 p.m., an Andover male reported his father had assaulted him, and the male had left the house. The male said he wanted to go back to the house to check on his mother and get some of his things. He did this and went to a friend's house for the night.

At 11:13 p.m., a Grill 93 employee reported that he believed another employee had stolen items from his car.

Monday, Jan. 10 - At 9:13 a.m., a motorist reported an elderly man on a bicycle was riding around Bellevue Road "almost hitting mailboxes and carrying a cane." An officer found the man raking leaves and said he had been transporting the rake from his own house on the bike.

At 6:33 p.m., an officer reported serving a fax copy of a restraining order in hand to a woman in Andover.

At 11:22 p.m., an Andover man reported having a domestic problem with his 17-year-old son.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - At 9:43 a.m., a 911 call was received from an Andover resident reporting an unwanted male refusing to leave an apartment. The caller said the man was an ex-boyfriend of his wife's and his wife had a restraining order against him. The man was gone when police arrived and an officer reported the restraining order was not still in effect. An officer was to file the incident as an assault and battery.

At 4:30 p.m., a restraining order was served in hand to a man working at an Andover business.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - At 10:13 a.m., an Andover Country Club employee reported a break into a storage building during the night "and a couple of thousand dollars worth of items taken."

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 6 - At 2:15 p.m., a Market Basket manager reported receiving a counterfeit \$20 bill.

At 10:25 p.m., a McDonald's manager reported that a group of kids had stolen the veterans' contribution cans from the store. She said she knew the names of the kids.

Friday, Jan. 7 - At 9:03 a.m., a female called from Andover High to report someone had stolen her laptop computer the previous day.

Saturday, Jan. 8 - At 11:49 a.m., a Standish Circle man came to the station to report someone had charged nearly \$1,650 worth of merchandise to his credit card. The man reported his card had not been stolen.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - At 7:10 a.m., after Phillips Academy security reported a car that had been parked at the Andover Inn for several weeks, police reported the car had been stolen from Somerville back in November.

At 1:19 p.m., an officer was to file regarding a car break at the Andover commuter rail parking lot.

At 2:35 p.m., an Andover Street resident reported a stolen car. While responding to his call, an officer reported finding another car that had been stolen from a Charlestown resident.

Thursday, Jan. 6 - At 2:01 a.m., Londonderry, N.H., police reported recovering a car stolen from Andover.

Saturday, Jan. 8 - At 6:24 a.m., a Poor Street resident reported that an unfamiliar Volvo was

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Arts & Entertainment

Short cuts

Neil Fater



Instant gratification? Not nearly quick enough

Greetings from the future!

It's the year 2030, which also happens to be the current weight of the average U.S. consumer. I guess you still call them "citizens." How quaint!

Oh, how we e-laugh at the early days of the 21st Century, back when we still bothered with things like sunlight and physical interaction and taking care of our bed sores.

That was back before Time-Warner and America Online tuned us in to what is truly important — attaining the greatest amount of instant gratification possible from a prone position.

Now we have wide-spread e-shopping, tele-vacationing and virtual good times.

This is e-living!

I'm contacting you because I wonder if you're aware that you're on the cusp of history, sitting as you are in the wake of the giant Time-Warner/AOL merger.

Surely your benevolent masters (Do you call them that yet?) realize what is happening.

"This is an historic moment in which new media has truly come of age," our historical records show AOL Chairman Steve Case told reporters. Not in person, of course, but through faxes and e-mails.

Case knew Time Warner would bring video on demand into millions of homes. He knew it would make enormously popular "one-touch e-commerce from a TV remote," such as then available with software giant Liberate's Advanced Television Enhancement (ATE) Forum.

"Say you're watching CNN, and a commercial (for a band's new CD) comes on," drooled David Limp, a Liberate VP, after the merger. "Now a bug could appear that lets you immediately purchase that from CDNow."

No more going to a store and wasting time seeing what else is available! No more wasting precious seconds ordering over the phone. Simply pick up the remote and, voila!

Of course, it was only a matter of time before ATE was replaced by the Faster Advanced Television Forum (FAT) and the Service Television with Unlimited Programs and Internet on Demand Forum (STUPID).

Yes, the corporate rulers have truly given the terms FAT and STUPID new meaning in millions of American homes.

Ooops, I have to e-scam now! I'm watching a woman with a camera on her home-office TV/computer/microwave and a message just appeared telling me I can purchase an exact replica of the chair she lives in for just \$69.95.

The only thing keeping me from ordering is that I'll have to get up and answer the door when it's delivered.

When is someone going to fix that problem?

Civic ballet looking for dancing 'Beauty'

Dancers can get their *Beauty* sleep Sunday morning, and then grab their shoes and head to a ballet audition.

New England Civic Ballet will hold auditions Sunday, Jan. 16 for its first annual production of Tchaikovsky's *The Sleeping Beauty*, but they won't begin until 11 a.m.

Those interested in auditioning should arrive early for registration and warm-up. No audition fee is required.

The directors says they will cast all roles, including featured and principal roles, based solely on performance during the open audition.

Male and female dancers of all levels are eligible to attend the audition at the studio at 87 Swan St., Methuen, at the following times:

- 11 a.m., ages 8-12, ballet slippers only;
- 12:30 p.m., ages 13-16, ballet slippers and pointe shoes; and
- 2:15 p.m., ages 17 or older, pointe shoes only.

The four-year-old New England Civic Ballet considers itself "a community arts endeavor" for all serious performers.

NECB does not retain a base company, and says its goal "is to provide



opportunities for the many gifted, well-trained local dancers, both children and adults, to perform major and supporting roles in professional ballet productions without committing themselves to a company affiliation."

Proper dress is required at the audi-

tions. Mandatory rehearsals will take place Sundays beginning Jan. 30.

Performances will be April 15 and 16 at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Merrimack College in North Andover. For more information, call the studio at 975-0289.

Suspense the appetizer at library event

Mysterious forces will combine at Memorial Hall Library on Saturday, Jan. 29, at 11 a.m., when authors Kate Flora, Sarah Smith and Skye Alexander present a program called "It's a Mystery to Me."

Soup and salad will be available following the event.

This program is free and sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library and the family of the late Ruth Short, an avid patron of Memorial Hall Library and a lover of mysteries.



Sister in crime — Kate Flora, and other mystery organization members, are coming to MHL.

Kate Flora is the author of the Thea Kozak Mystery series, including *Chosen for Death*, *Death in a Funhouse Mirror*, *Death at the Wheel*, and *An Educated Death*.

The Maine native and Concord, Mass., resident has with a law degree and was an assistant district attorney in Maine representing the Department of Human Services in child protection. Much of the action in her books is based on her experiences there, says a release.

Chosen for Death explores by proxy the obsession with identity and self-esteem experienced by many adopted children, while *Death at the Wheel* is a clever twist on an insurance-fraud scheme. *Death in a Funhouse Mirror* is described as "an exploration of the hazards faced by women who sacrifice family to profession."

Skye Alexander, of Gloucester, recently won the 1998 "Kiss of Death Award" for her mystery novel, *Hidden Agenda*.

Alexander is a "professional astrologer and writer."

She reportedly used both skills when creating *Hidden Agenda*, along with her experience working with law enforcement to solve crimes.

The book focuses on an astrologer who investigates the murders of two witches in a small North Carolina town. It is the first of a planned "Magical Mystery Series."

Boston-based author Sarah Smith has written two historical mysteries, both of which have been named *New York Times* Notable Books of the Year.

The Knowledge of Water has reached the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *Boston Globe* best-seller lists. Her previous book, *The Vanished Child*, is now in its 12th printing.

Smith's third historical mystery, *A Citizen of the Country*, will be published Aug. 1.



Skye watcher — Skye Alexander, professional astrologer and author, will also ride the wave of suspense.

MJT auditions**'The King and I'**

The Merrimack Junior Theatre, a non-profit children's theater, will hold auditions for Rogers and Hammerstein's musical *The King and I* on Jan. 20 and 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Auditions, which are open to students in grades seven through 10, will be held at the Doherty Middle School auditorium on Bartlet Street.

Students will be asked to act out a short poem or monologue (one minute maximum) and to sing a few bars from *America* which begins, "My country 'tis of thee."

Youths should bring a non-returnable photo of themselves.

Production dates will be May 5, 6, and 7. Rehearsals are typically on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Library is the place for writers to talk shop

The Andovers Writers' Group (formerly The Writers' Networking Group) will meet Thursday, Jan. 20, in the Activity Room on the lower level of Memorial Hall Library.

A welcoming reception from 7 to 7:30 p.m. will be followed by a workshop from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Attendees will have the opportunity to read selected passages from their writings and exchange ideas regarding the entire cycle of writing and publishing their works.

Writers are invited to bring copies of their work for display.

This meeting is free and open to all beginning and experienced writers, as well as other interested individuals.

The Andovers Writers' Group was organized by National Writers Union-Boston Local member Dr. Henry Everett and NWU networking coordinator Barbara Beckwith.

For further information concerning this meeting, call Leo Griffin at 470-1186.

Artist to demonstrate pastels this Sunday

Professional artist Eva Cincotta of Melrose will demonstrate and paint a completed landscape scene in pastels at the open meeting of Andovers Artists Guild on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m. at North Parish Church in North Andover.

Cincotta is a graduate of the School of Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts University with a B.S. in education.

Besides teaching and demonstrating, she is the co-owner of John's Antiques of Malden. Cincotta is a member of the Rockport Art Association, North Shore Art Association, Copley Society of Boston and Cambridge Art Association. She has taught art independently and at Bunker Hill Community College.

Light refreshments will be served, and a \$2 guest fee will be accepted.

Out of town**No. Reading cultural concert**

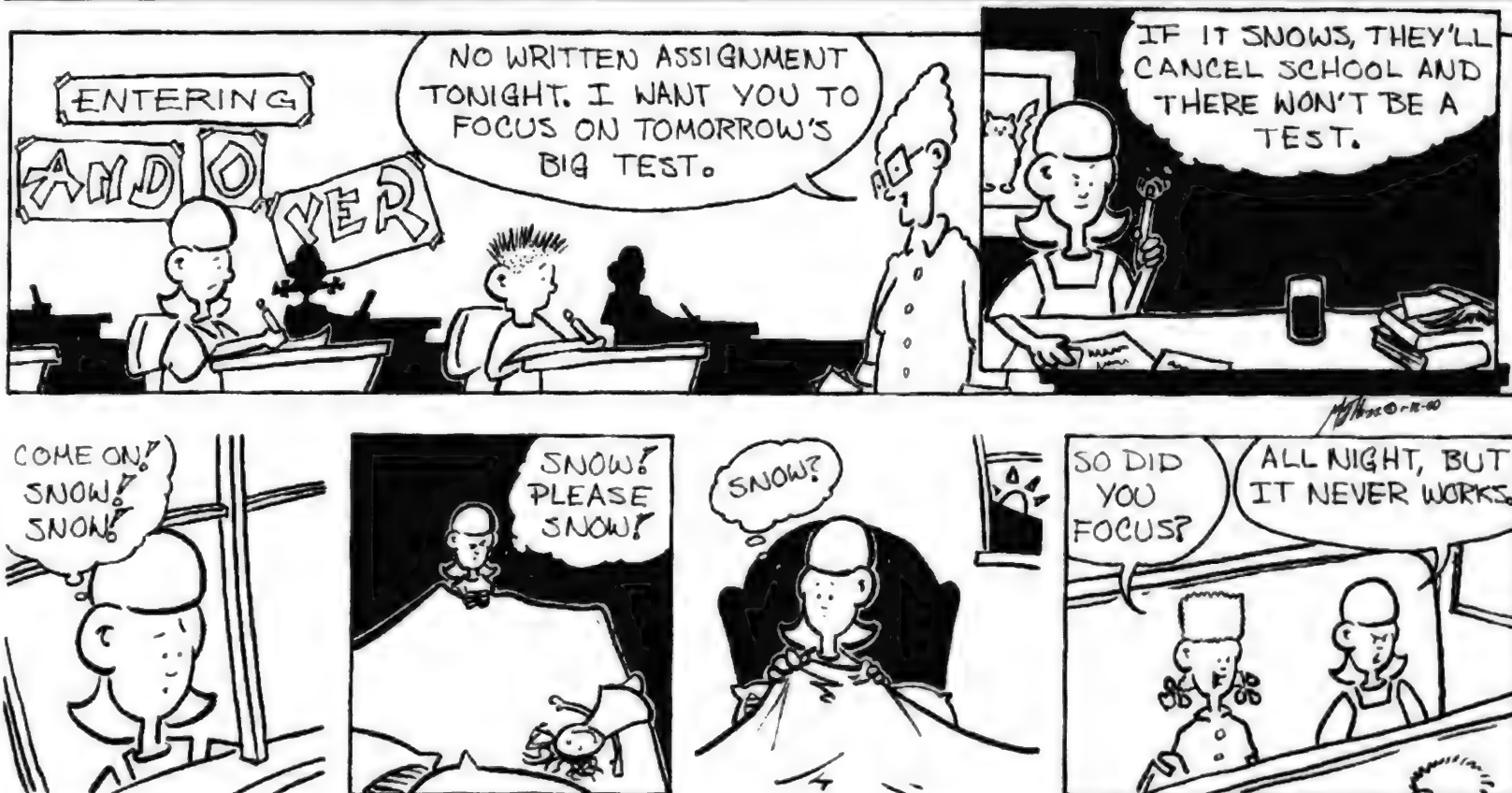
The North Reading Cultural Council will present a concert featuring the Triptich Chamber Players, a string trio, at Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading, Sunday, Jan. 16, at 3 p.m.

Violinist Gregory Vitale, violist Jennifer Stirling and cellist Emmanuel Feldman "combine their passion for chamber music with innovative music programming," says a release.

Triptich will play a repertoire of classics and 20th-century works. The concert is open to the public.

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Warm up with PA's winter concerts

Baroque music kicks things off this winter for the Phillips Academy music department, with a program played on period instruments on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will take place in Cochran Chapel, located on the Phillips campus, 180 Main St. The free, public program, coordinated by faculty member and trumpeter Vincent Monaco, will include music of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), Johann Georg Linike (c.1680-c.1737), Tomaso Albinoni (1671-1750) and Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767).

It features Boston Baroque violinist Dana Maiben, violinist and faculty member Hilary Walther Cumming, violist Diana Brewer, cellist Alice Robbins, oboists Lani Spahr and Owen Watkins, bassist Anne Trout and faculty member and harpsichordist Carolyn Skelton.

Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. For more information, call the Phillips Academy music department at 749-4995, or e-mail: music@andover.edu.

Jazz ensemble waiting in wings

On Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Faculty Jazz Ensemble of pianist Chris Neville, saxophonist Mark Pinto, trombonist Peter Cirelli, bassist Vinny Monaco and drummer Bill Reynolds will perform. The concert will take place in Graves Hall, on the corner of School and Main streets.

For more information call (978)749-4263, or e-mail: music@andover.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, Jan. 13

Meeting, sponsored by the Parent Advisory Council (PAC) of Doherty Middle School, 7 p.m., Doherty Middle School Media Center, Bartlett Street; Carol Baffi-Dugan 470-3542.

Opening reception, sponsored by Essex Art Center, featuring work by four different artists, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 685-2343.

Financial aid night, by guidance department, for junior and senior students and their parents, 6-8 p.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School cafeteria, 57 River Road; 686-0194.

FRIDAY, Jan. 14

Comedy Palace, featuring Tony V., Mike Coleman, Pete Costello, 9 p.m., Grill 93, River Road; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Comedy Escape, featuring Frank Santorelli, Bob Flathers, TJ Griffin, 9:30 p.m., \$10-\$12, China Blossom, Routes 125 and 133, North Andover; 1-800-401-2221.

Singles dance, sponsored by Lexington Chapter of The Single Life, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$8, Knight of Columbus, 2068 Main St., Tewksbury; (617) 891-3750.

Empty Bowls dinner party, by St. John's Prep art class, features soup served in bowls made by the ceramics class, including Michael Evangelis of Andover, entertainment, and pottery demonstrations, 6:30 p.m., \$10 donation, 72 Spring St., Danvers; Katrina L. Salka (978) 774-1050, Ext. 303.

SATURDAY, Jan. 15

Concert, sponsored by New Moon Coffeehouse, featuring folk singer Lynn Miles, 8 p.m., \$10, Universalist Unitarian Church, junction of Routes 110 and 125, Haverhill; (978) 373-9259.



Looking ahead — to Saturday are fans of Lynn Miles.

Comedy Palace, 8 and 10:30 p.m., see Friday, Jan. 14, entry.

Comedy Escape, see Friday, Jan. 14, entry.

Open house, sponsored by Creative Arts, 2-4 p.m.; (781) 942-9600.

Pulpit exchange, sponsored by South Church and Temple Emanuel, the Rev. Calvin Mutti will join Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein, 9 a.m. service, Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 470-1356.

Concert, by Phillips Academy music department, featuring Baroque music played on period instruments, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, PA campus, Main Street; 749-4995.

SUNDAY, Jan. 16

Cross-country ski/snowshoe/hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Clement Farm Woods, Haverhill, snowstorm, rain, ice cancels, meet 1:30 p.m., Clement Farm Woods; Art Olsen (978) 374-0751.

Fundraiser, sponsored by Andover High School ski team and Papa Gino's, 15 percent of all sales at Papa Gino's will be donated to the ski team, noon-5 p.m., Shawsheen Plaza.

Concert, sponsored by North Reading Cultural Council, featuring Triptich Chamber Players, 3 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; GERALYN VASILE (978) 664-0214.

Auditions, by New England Civic Ballet, for production of *The Sleeping Beauty*, 11 a.m., ages 8-12; 12:30 p.m.,

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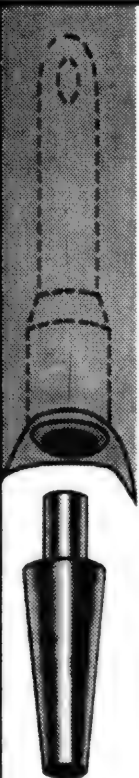


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ages 13-16; 2:15 p.m., ages 17+; 87 Swan St., Methuen; 975-0289.

Art demonstration, sponsored by Andovers Artists Guild, featuring Eva Cincotta painting a completed landscape in pastels, 2 p.m., \$2 guest fee, North Parish Church, Academy Road, North Andover; Jim Cassidy 688-0633.

TUESDAY, Jan. 18

Talk, sponsored by Northeast Chapter of Massachusetts Archaeology Society, "The Return of New English Canaan by Thomas Morton of 'Merrymount,'" 7:30 p.m., Robert S. Peabody Museum, Phillips Academy.

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Jazz, at Casa Vecchia, featuring the Jeff Gallardo Trio, wheelchair accessible, 7:30-10:30 p.m., \$5 cover charge, Route 97, Salem, N.H.; (603) 893-6553.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 19

Violence prevention program, sponsored by Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center and Methuen Public Schools, featuring Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D., nationally known expert on violence prevention, 7 p.m., Methuen High School Auditorium, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen; Maryellen Rancourt 681-1329.

Meeting, sponsored by Learning In Retirement Association (LIRA), for retirees and semiretired, illustrated talk on the art of papermaking, 10 a.m.-noon, Room 501, Fox Hall, UMass-Lowell North Campus, Lowell; 934-3135.

THURSDAY, Jan. 20

Auditions, sponsored by Merrimack Junior Theatre, students in grades 7-10, for *The King and I*, 6-9 p.m., Doherty Middle School Auditorium, Bartlett Street; Corinne Gediman 475-3422.

Meeting, Andovers Writers' Group, reception, 7-7:30 p.m., workshop, 7:30-9 p.m., Activity Room, lower level, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square; Leo Griffin 470-1186.

FRIDAY, Jan. 21

Concert, featuring acoustic blues artist John Hammond, 8 p.m., advance tickets \$12, \$15 at door, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, Routes 114 and 125, North Andover;

box office 837-5355.

Musical premiere, sponsored by Temple Emanuel, featuring L'maaseih Vreishet - *To Recreate the World*, performed by Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Temple Emanuel Children's Chorus, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Cantor Rosensweig 470-1356.

Concert, sponsored by Phillips Academy music department, featuring the faculty jazz ensemble, 7:30 p.m., Graves Hall, corner of School and Main streets; 749-4263.

Dance, sponsored by Billerica Chapter of The Single Life, for singles over age 21, 8 p.m., \$5, members, \$7, guests, Tewksbury Knights of Columbus, Route 38, Tewksbury; Donna at (978) 658-2410 or Steve at (978) 988-9528.

SATURDAY, Jan. 22

Concert, sponsored by Friends of the Reading Public Library, featuring flutist Venessa Breault Mulvey, soprano Carol Mastrodomenico, pianist Steven Morris, 8 p.m., 64 Essex Ave., Reading; Rusty Palumbo (781) 944-2017.

Bean supper, sponsored by Sacred Heart Parish Church, wheelchair accessible, 4-6 p.m., \$4 adults, \$2 children under 12, Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall, 321 South Broadway, Lawrence.

Hike, sponsored by Appalachian Mountain Club, Shawsheen Trail to Bakers Meadow; RSVP Dennis Crispo (978) 474-0790.

Ham and bean supper, sponsored by United Presbyterian Church, 4:30-6:30 p.m., \$5 adults, \$2 ages 5-12, 96 East Haverhill St., Lawrence; 682-8176.

Goodnight, Captain White, interactive murder mystery at Giordano's Starlight Dinner Theatre, reservations required, 6:30 p.m., \$29.95, includes dinner, tax, gratuity and show; Route 97, Georgetown; (978) 352-7300.

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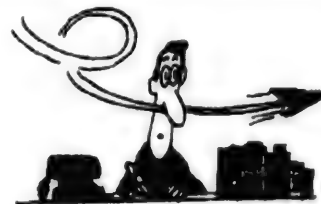
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The program, sponsored by The Road Less Traveled (www.theroadlesstraveled.com), combines adventure activities, wilderness exploration, cultural awareness and environmental education on one- to six-week coed trips.

Reservations would be appreciated, but are not required. Call 800-939-9839.

Quota Theater Night a success

Quota International of Andover recently held a Theater Night at Merrimack Repertory Theater as one of its two annual fundraisers. More than \$4,000 was raised to be used for the club's service projects. Raffle tickets were also sold to raise additional money. A weekend getaway was won by Sue Hanson while John Dwight received a dinner for two by the Best of Thymes, and Lisa Green was the recipient of a basket of beauty products.



Archaeology meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18

The Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeology Society and the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology at Phillips Academy will co-sponsor a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Robert S. Peabody Museum on Main Street.

The program, "The Return of New English Canaan by Thomas Morton of Merrymount," is open to the public free of charge.

The speaker, Dr. Jack Dempsey, is a novelist, editor, and documentary filmmaker portraying Native Americans. He received a doctorate from Brown Uni-

At its annual Theater Night, members of Quota International of Andover's service committee presented a check to the YWCA to be used for homegoods for the residents of Oasis House. Matching funds will be given by HUD. From left: Anna and Colleen from the YWCA, Sue Adams, Elke Kappeler, Marcia Golden (service co-chair), Nancy Dube, and Chris Kalman (service co-chair).

U.S. Congressman Martin T. Meehan, D-Lowell, was the guest speaker at the Shawsheen Village Women's Club's millennium luncheon held Jan. 3 at the Lanam Club. Rep. Meehan highlighted his concerns about Social Security, health care for the very young and retirees, as well as the critical issues in education. From left are Harriet Palmieri, club president; Congressman Meehan; and Beatrice Morreo, vice president, program chair.

versity in 1998; in 1996 published *Ariadne's Brother: A Novel on the Fall of Bronze Age Crete* (Greek translation in 1999); and in 1999 published *New English Canaan by Thomas Morton of Merrymount: Text, Notes, Biography & Criticism*, edited by Jack Dempsey and first published in 1637.

New English Canaan of Merrymount is a three-part portrait of Native (American) New England - its natural landscape, creatures and commodities and a broad spectrum of its planters, the early settlers. Copies of the book will be available for purchase following the program.

The Massachusetts Archaeology Society - Northeast Chapter, meets the third Tuesday of the month, September through June. Membership to the Massachusetts Archaeology Society and Northeast Chapter is open to all those interested in furthering their study of archaeology and Native American cultural history. For more information concerning chapter membership or monthly programs, call the museum at 749-4490.

Toastmasters meets locally

Toastmasters Merrimacks 508 Club, a public speaking club, meets the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m. at Prescott House in North Andover. Guests are welcome. For information, call Roger Dumont at (603) 894-6693, or Liz Anderson at 474-9283.

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Myers-Griffin

Kathleen Ann Griffin and David William Myers were married May 29 at St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church. The Rev. Ed Abel of St. Mary's Seminary performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Francis Griffin of Andover. She received a BA degree from Tufts University and an MBA and MA in Latin American studies from the University of Texas at Austin. She is employed by Compaq Computer.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Stokes Myers of Spring, Texas. He received a BA and a BS degree from Southern Methodist University and is an MBA candidate at Rice University.

Following a tour of the Canadian Rockies, the couple live in Houston, Texas.



Kathleen
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Macy-Griffin

Mary Beth Griffin and Robert John Macy were married April 24 in the Loretto Chapel. Father Gunfrey performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Francis Griffin of Andover. The editor for John Muir Publications received a BA from the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney George Macy of Albuquerque, N.M. He received a BS degree from Stevens Institute of Technology and is a research engineer for University of New Mexico.

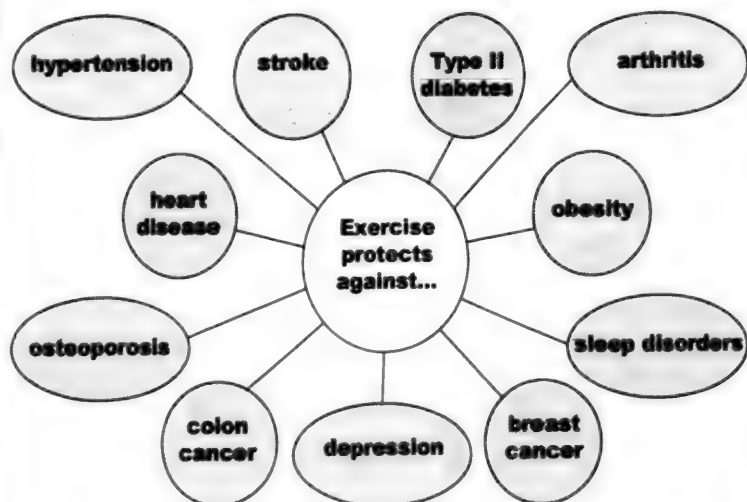
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Ouellette-Kavanagh

Sheila Kavanagh and Matthew Ouellette were married July 11, 1998, in Christ the Teacher Church at Merrimack College. The Rev. Joseph Gillin performed the double ring ceremony.

Denise Guttenberg of Westford was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Paula Chin, Stephanie Loubier and Dawn Hauser. Maureen O'Brien, the bride's niece, and Janelle Yuu, the groom's cousin, were flower girls.

Christopher Ouellette of Andover was his brother's best man. Ushers were Brian Kavanagh, the bride's brother, Jason Dowd and Thomas Reed. Joseph Yuu, the groom's cousin, was ring bearer.

The bride is the daughter of Louise D. Kavanagh of Westford. The 1989 graduate of Westford Academy received a bachelor of arts degree in history education from Merrimack College in 1993 and a master of education degree in curriculum and development from UMass Lowell School of Education in June. She is a social studies teacher at Gloucester High School.

Her husband is the son of Bertrand and Camille Ouellette of Andover. The 1990 graduate of Andover High School received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Merrimack College in 1994. He is a software engi-



Sheila and Matthew
Ouellette

neer at *The Eagle-Tribune*.

Following a reception at the Andover Country Club, the couple left for Hawaii. They live in Danvers.

Ventre-Reidy

Kristen L. Reidy and James F. Ventre were married June 19 at Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. The honorable Rev. Philip J. Zaeder officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Rob F. Reidy escorted his sister down the aisle. Paula J. Mackey of Tewksbury was maid of honor. Katie Ventre of Cumberland Foreside, Maine, was flower girl.

The best man was Steven K. Ventre of Methuen. The ushers were Mark A. Ventre of Methuen and Peter B. Ventre of Cumberland Foreside, Maine. Zachary Broth of Menacook, N.H., was ring bearer.

The guest book attendant was Susan Comeau of Methuen.

The bride is the daughter of Joan R. Smith of Reading and the late Robert L. Reidy. The Burlington High School graduate is pursuing a BA at Newbury College in Brookline while employed as a marketing communications manager in Lawrence.

Her husband is the son of Norma I. Ventre of Methuen and the late Placido A. Ventre. He is a graduate of Methuen High School, Phillips Academy, and Dartmouth College and is the associate



Kristen and James
Ventre

dean of admission and financial aid at Phillips Academy.

KIDS

All About Books

What your children should be reading



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From classics to trends: What your child should be reading?

By Michelle Eld

Most everybody has a favorite book or story they can recall from when they were little. Whatever it is, you probably remember how much you loved that book, and how many times you asked your parents, grandparents or other family member to read the story "just one more time".

Maybe you saved that book over the years and have passed on the tradition to your children, reading it to them at bedtime and adding your own special sound effects and words.

Reading to your children from a very early age is not only a great way to spend some quality time, it's also a learning opportunity for them. Studies have revealed early exposure to books and reading pays off later by creating students who do better in school regardless of their economic and ethnic backgrounds, according to the Books for Kids website.

Yet surprisingly, a 1996 study by The Commonwealth Fund found only 39 percent of parents with children under the age of three read to them.

What children like

Who could deny popularity of the new Harry Potter series among young readers today? All three installments, by author J.K. Rowling, are at the top of the top 10 best-selling books right now at Barnes and Noble. The author's

next Harry Potter book is eagerly anticipated by both the young and the old. The books focus on the everyday adventures of Harry Potter, a young boy who tinkers with magic.

But good books aren't always the newest, shiniest, most colorful books on the shelves. If the book is written and illustrated so that it captures a child's attention, it will make its mark.

We asked Pat Powers and Cynthia Fordham, library specialists at the Tewksbury Public Library's Children's Room, which books are not only popular with children right now, but also which ones have stood the test of time and spanned generations. From preschoolers to pre-teens, some books just never lose their appeal.

According to Ms. Powers, Denise Fleming's books, particularly "Lunch", is great for the preschool set. There are lots of colorful illustrations but not many words, ideal for a young child just starting out with books.

Jan Brett's series of picture books (i.e. "The Mitten") takes a creative approach as far as presentation goes. On one page, there is a main image, with a "window" on the left side featuring what happened just prior to the scene going on in the main picture; on the right hand page, there's also a main picture with a "window" next to it showing what happened right after that scene. Such illustrations can be

Here's help for choosing the right books

To help your child discover the joy of reading, here are some sources that can help you choose the right books for your child's age level, according to the Books for Kids website.

- "Choosing Books for Children: A Common Sense Guide", by Betsy Hearne. This updated edition of the popular 1981 version offers information on how to choose appropriate books for every age level, from preschool picture books to fiction for young adults.

- "Read to Me: Raising Kids Who Love to Read", by Bernice E. Cullinan. This includes chapters on the meaning of language, ideas for getting started and tips on what will interested children of all ages.

- "The New Read-Aloud Handbook", by Jim Trelease. This fourth edition of the original shows parents and teachers how to raise a reader and how it brings families closer together.

- "The New York Times Parent's Guide to the Best Books for Children", by Eden Ross Lipson. More than 1,700 titles of great children's books are illustrated and indexed, making it easy to match the right book with the right child.

- "Kaleidoscope: A Multicultural Booklist for Grades K-8", edited by Rudine Sims Bishop and the Multicultural Booklist Committee of the National Council of Teachers of English. Nearly 400 books published between 1990 and 1992 are outlined in this booklist, focusing on people of color, especially African Americans, Asian Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans. It highlights similarities and differences between cultures but groups books by theme and not cultural group.

useful in teaching children sequence of events.

Marc Brown's "Arthur the Aardvark" series is another favorite with children, according to Ms. Powers. "They really like those," she said. Of course, Dr. Seuss is still big, too. "He's classic," she added.

Shel Silverstein, author of "The

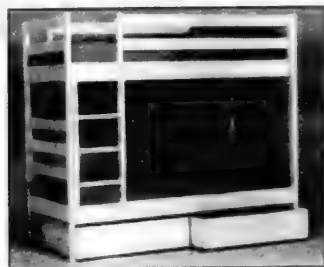
Giving Tree" and "The Missing Piece Meets the Big O," strikes a chord with young readers. You might remember Mr. Silverstein as the author who wrote the children's poem about unicorns, which was later adapted to song: "There was green alligators and long-necked geese; Some humpty-

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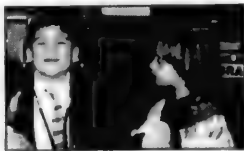
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performance of "The Wizard of Oz," presented by the American Family Theater of Philadelphia on May 14. The show will be at the Collins Center in Andover at 4 p.m. and tickets are \$12 each.

Another big step for Kaleidoscope is the development of its own website - kaleidoscopekids.com. The program hopes to have many visitors view this new site.

Program director Janis Baron, who is also the program founder, feels that Kaleidoscope is based on the essential premise that learning is fun and that all kids can learn in a creative, hands-on environment with an exceptional teacher. Kaleidoscope instructors are drawn from many communities, but they all share teaching expertise, enthusiasm, and the ability to teach children with many varied learning styles. Kaleidoscope recognizes the individual needs as well as strengths of children and is most sensitive to discussing those issues with parents.

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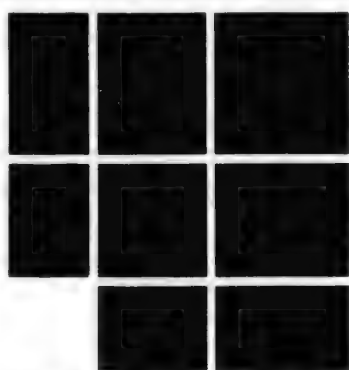
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What your child should be reading?

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backed camels and some chimpanzees; Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born; The loveliest of all was the unicorn".

For older preschoolers and kindergartners, Ms. Powers suggests "Tops and Bottoms" by Janet Stevens, which also employs a creative and unique layout. This book reads just like the title suggests - from top to bottom - so you have to hold the book vertically. Ms. Powers said she likes to read this book to older children, as well.

A perennial favorite that's been around a long time is the Mercer Mayer series. Ms. Powers calls those books a "definite standby." Robert Munsch, author of "Alligator Baby" and "Mortimer" is another classic.

According to Ms. Powers, folktale-type stories are getting more and more popular with preschool-age and elementary-age youngsters. Author Gerald McDermott, in particular, is excellent with folk tale adaptations, she said.

The library is gradually building up its books on tape collection, due to growing popularity. These are ideal for older children who are busy with school work and after-school activities, as they can listen to books on tape in the car.

As a child gets older, he or she naturally gravitates to more difficult reading, such as chapter books. These type of books generally have little or no

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pictures and progress through a story through sections, or chapters. According to Ms. Powers, popular authors with fifth and sixth graders include Lois Lawry ("The Giver") and Katherine Paterson ("Bridge to Terabithia" and "Lyddie").

Series such as American Girls, Dear America, American Diaries and American Sisters are also very popular with this age level.

Judy Blume, the author who got many young girls - and boys, too - through their pre-teen years is still a hit with readers. Who could forget the silly tales of "Freckle Juice", "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing", "Superfudge" and "Blubber"?

Oldies but goodies

The old favorites are still going strong. Pre-teens and teens still love Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, the Babysitter's Club and Sweet Valley High series books. Ms. Powers and Ms. Fordham both remember reading Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys when they were little girls.

It seems the same element of those mystery books that appealed to older generations also appeals to the younger generation.

Why does this happen? What makes

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young, to help them understand at an early age the value of saving and maintaining a budget. Janeal Roberts, manager of program and staff development for Medallion School Partnerships, offers the following advice:

Children enjoy collecting things, so address saving in terms of collecting. Just as they might collect stickers or baseball cards, they can collect coins

and dollar bills. Preschool children want to handle and count their collection, so provide your child with a bank that can be opened easily.

To stress the importance of saving, parents may want to give school-age children an allowance. For a child, an allowance is his or her first experience with money management. Parents should try not to be too nostalgic when considering the amount. Depending on

their financial circumstances, a good rule of thumb is 50 cents to \$1 for each year of a child's age. In other words, a 5-year-old child could receive between \$2.50 and \$5.00 a week. The payment frequency may depend on the age of the child. Parents may want to give a weekly allowance to young children to allow for more spontaneous purchases, such as gum or small toys. For older

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a book popular decade after decade is the connection children make with the story, according to Ms. Fordham. If it sparks their imagination, she said, it will never go out of style.

Some of the older stories from years ago have undergone facelifts in order to appeal to today's children. Ms. Powers recalls one of her favorite books as a child was "Little Black Sambo". Today, Julius Lester's book, "Sam and the Tigers", is a new telling of that story and a more "politically correct" version of the age-old tale.

Choosing the right books

When it comes to reading, there are lots of books to choose from. Selecting the appropriate books for your little ones is the challenge. Books for Kids offers a guideline for parents and teachers when choosing books for children of different age groups.

Babies and toddlers

Babies and toddlers love bright colors and simple pictures. As listeners, they like rhyme and rhythm, and simple story lines. Repetition is good; books with no words are ideal for this age group, which can stimulate them both visually and mentally. They can either look at these books by themselves or you can talk to them about the pictures and make up stories to go with them.

Board books and cloth books are also good because they're pretty much indestructible.

Preschoolers and kindergarteners

At this age, children love traditional nursery rhymes and fairy tales - books about familiar objects and situations, as well as silly stories. Mother Goose, for example, is a good reading choice. Children in preschool and kindergarten can listen and follow more complex story lines, especially text that has good rhythm and effective word repetition. However, they usually like to finish a book all in one sitting so chapter books might not be the best idea.

Children in this age group are coordinated enough to have constructive fun with toy-like books that pop up or move.

Early school age (ages five through eight)

Picture books and action-packed books are the name of the game. Children enjoy reading about characters with a dilemma to solve; this also stimulates conversation about what is happening to the character, such as "What would you do in that situation?". Select picture books with strong storylines and character development.

When reading on their own, children at this age need a story that isn't too complex and that uses familiar, everyday words. Publishers label these types of books for "easy readers".

Many books for early readers are non-fiction, which encourages youngsters to find out about subjects

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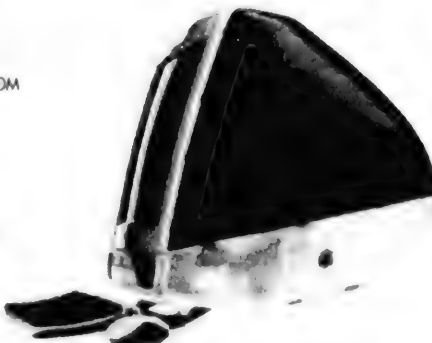
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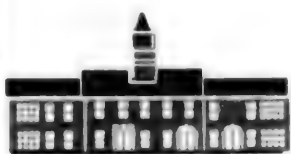
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What your child should be reading?

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that interest them and satisfy their curiosity.

Older children (ages nine and up)

By this time, children have developed specific interests, in terms of what they like to read about. Choose books by thinking of the child and what he or she enjoys. Sometimes they'll be drawn in by vivid cover art, so in this case you can judge a book by its cover. Sometimes a child will only read one type of book, such as those dealing with baseball or witches.

Who's reading

The Tewksbury Library, like many libraries, offers story hours for

children, where they all sit in a circle and listen as the librarian tells a story, showing them the pictures that go with it. Ms. Powers and Ms. Fordham both agree they can tell which children are read to on a regular basis by their parents.

The youngsters who read with their parents frequently are the same ones who recognize various books before they're even read at the library story hour, they said. Those children know what books are out there and have favorites they request at story hour.

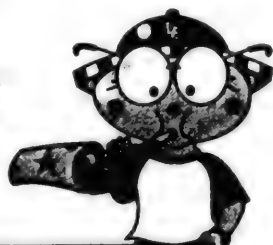
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- 95 percent of SIDS deaths are post-neonatal (after one month of age).
- Most SIDS deaths occur when a baby is between one and four months of age.
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In addition to always placing a baby on its back to sleep, the Back to Sleep campaign offers the following ways to further reduce your baby's risk of SIDS:

- Use a firm mattress or other firm surface.
- Remove soft bedding and other soft products from the crib.
- If using a blanket, tuck it around the crib mattress, only as far as the baby's chest.
- Make sure your baby's head remains uncovered during sleep.
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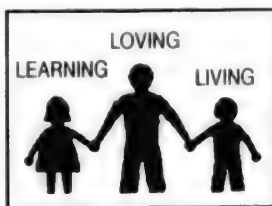
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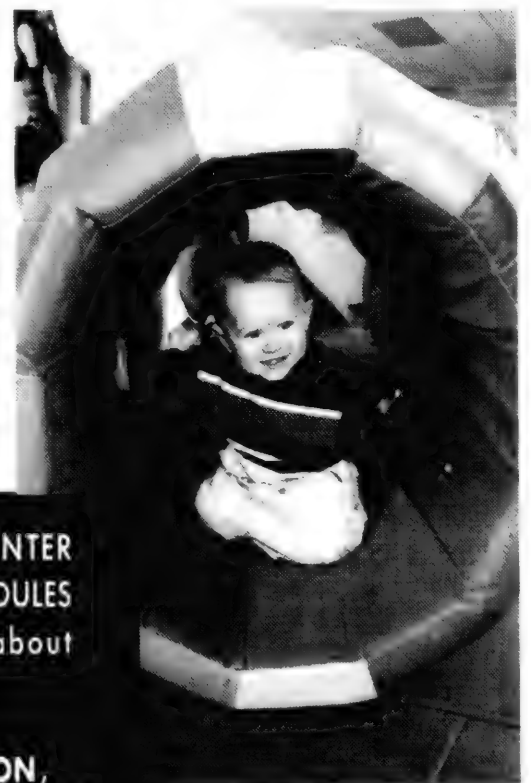
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Teaching children about money

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children, parents may want to give a bi-weekly or monthly allowance to encourage the concepts of budgeting their money and saving for long-term goals. When it comes to spending money, consider discussing a spending plan with your child. Many financial experts recommend the "third-third-third" concept: one third of allowance can be spent immediately, one third goes to short-term savings, such as saving for a bicycle, and one third for long-term savings, such as saving for college, which is money that can't be touched. To encourage a spending plan, give the child bills in small denominations. Five single dollar bills are easier for children to budget than a \$5 bill.

Short-term savings can be kept in a bank. To visualize a savings goal, tape a picture of the object the child wants on the side of the bank. For long-term savings, consider opening a savings

account in the child's name. This also will help your child learn how to fill out a deposit form, withdraw money and balance a bank register. Older children can learn about compounding interest and how it makes their money grow. Parents can match the amount that their child saves.

Financial experts advise that parents be open with their child about the family finances. Talking about the family budget, savings and investments provides a good example for your children. Also, when a financial milestone is reached, such as saving for a family trip, children will be aware of the steps taken to achieve that goal. Finally, discuss what money can't do. Children need to know that money is a tool for taking care of material needs, such as food, clothing and shelter, but that it cannot buy equally important needs such as love and friendship. In other words, net-worth does not equal self-worth.



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Children exposed early to benefits and hazards of typing

By Dawn Miller
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Anyone who ever took typing in high school knows this routine.

But how about elementary students?

With computers in school and at home, more children are learning to use a keyboard earlier in life. Many go with no formal instruction until later, which doesn't seem to hurt them.

And many spend hours at adult-sized desks, which might harm them, occupational therapists say.

At Mountaineer Montessori School, students begin to find their way around a computer keyboard in the first grade.

"We start in the first grade, even though it's too soon because their fingers don't work right," teacher Barbara Walker said.

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By the time they reach fifth or sixth grade, they type 45 words a minute almost perfectly. With mistakes, they type twice as fast.

They start in the same old way as generations of high school students and secretarial school graduates.

First the home keys: a-s-d-f-j-k-l-;

"By the time they've gotten here, they've been through Mavis-Beacon, A

through Z, twice a year," Walker said with a nod to the fifth- and sixth-graders.

Their lab has a few ergonomic problems, Walker said.

That is true of most school and home computers used by children, said Karen Jacobs, president of the American Occupational Therapy Association.

"Parents have to look at using a computer almost as if the child is going on the soccer field," she said. "They wouldn't go out and play soccer without stretching first."

Likewise, computer users should stretch for five minutes or so before sitting down to a lot of repetitive stress on the muscles.

She also recommends frequent breaks, good posture and adjustable work areas.

"We're concerned because computer work stations are not designed for children," Jacobs said.

Adult computer users who don't follow the rules end up with carpal-tunnel syndrome, back and shoulder pain, and other musculoskeletal disorders, Jacobs said.

How do these same stresses affect growing muscles and bones?

"We don't know," Jacobs said. "We don't have a whole generation to look at. Learning to type at any age is fine. It's no problem as long as the work station is designed for the child's size," she said.

Walker reminds students to sit up straight and to mind their posture.

She "pays" students for their cooperation. For so many minutes of typing through drills, they get so many minutes of computer game time — all of which are educational and developmentally appropriate, of course.

When she spies one glancing down too often, she wedges a 1980s-era motherboard beneath the monitor, blocking their view.

She did this to Graham Bailey recently, reminding him not to look at the keys during practice.

Their goal is more than just typing for the sake of speed. After children grow accustomed to the keyboard, they branch into other computer topics.

She invites others in to instruct children on logic. They learn how the computers work and what the insides look like. They learn how to type social letters and to use database and spreadsheet software.

Bailey has created a database to organize information on spiders.

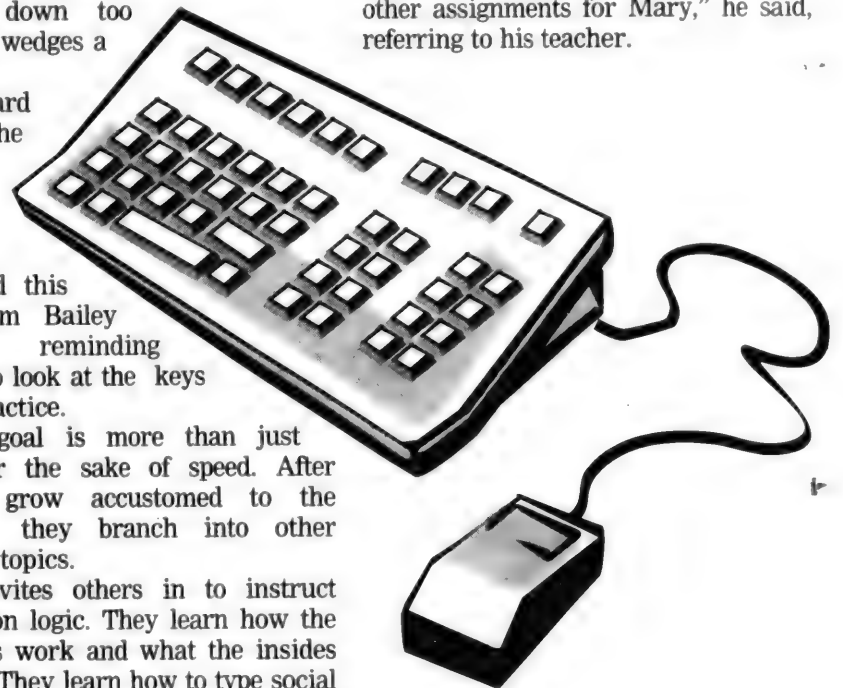
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"I can sort by many things," Bailey said. "If the book is not handy, I can just use the database."

Typing makes his other tasks go more smoothly, he said.

"It makes it easier. I might type other assignments for Mary," he said, referring to his teacher.



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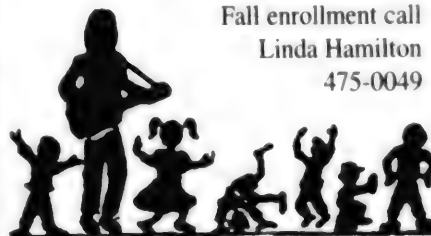


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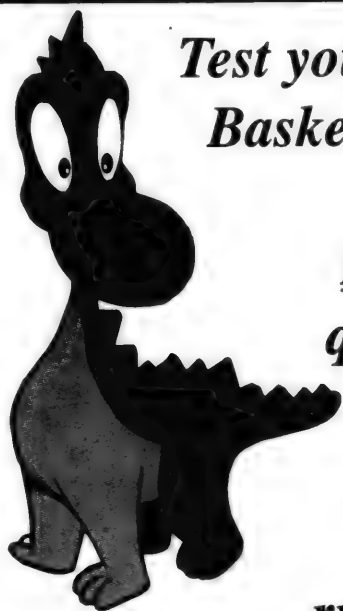
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Column 1

1. Dewgong
2. Pikachu
3. Charmander
4. Weedle
5. Kadabra

Column 2

- a. Fire
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- c. Grass
- d. Psychic
- e. Electric

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Column A

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3. Drowzee
4. Ekans
5. Kadabra

Column B

- a. Alakazam
- b. Hypno
- c. Arbok
- d. Charmeleon
- e. Weezing

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RELIGION NEWS

Fifth annual pulpit exchange between South Church and Temple Emanuel

The Rev. Calvin Mutti will join Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein at the 9 a.m. Sabbath service Saturday, Jan. 15, at Temple Emanuel of Andover, 7 Haggetts Pond Road.

This marks the fifth pulpit exchange between Rabbi Goldstein and Rev. Mutti.

Members of both congregations will join in prayer and Rev. Mutti will deliver the sermon. The public is invited to participate.

Charismatic retreat Jan. 21-23 at Franciscan Center

The Franciscan Center at 459 River Road will hold a charismatic retreat Jan. 21-23.

"Fanning the Flame: God's Gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the spirit of power and love and wisdom" will be presented by Justin Bailey, OFM, and Jerri Lou Buffo.

Jan. 22 will be part of the week of prayer for Christian unity from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A one-day workshop will focus on unity and prayer. The facilitators will be Sr. Lorraine Pianka, SSND, and the Rev. Waler Wnek, pastor of St. Stephen United Methodist Church in Marblehead.

For more information or to register, call 851-3391.

St. Robert's Parish to hold Welcome Home Weekend

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish at 198 Haggetts Pond Road will hold a Welcome Home Weekend Jan. 22 and 23. Everyone within the worshipping

community is invited. Fr. Arthur Driscoll, pastor, has said that, although it is true we can and do pray alone and in secret before God, the social and community aspects of faith and worship are just as essential for us and our relationship with God.

For more information, call 683-8922.

Havurat Shalom plans family service Friday, Jan. 28

Havurat Shalom, a reconstructionist Jewish congregation, will hold a family service Friday, Jan. 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church, 25 Central St. Following the service there will be a discussion of "leading a contemporary

Jewish life." Pizza and beverages will be provided, for which a donation of \$5 per family is requested. Children are encouraged to attend family services. The next family service will be held Feb. 25.

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OBITUARIES

John S. Emmert Attended AHS; active in church and volunteer work

John S. Emmert, 47, of Bradford died Monday, Jan. 10, at Hannah Dustin Health Care Center in Haverhill.

Mr. Emmert was born in Lawrence. He grew up in Andover and attended Andover High School.

Mr. Emmert was a crew chief in the Air Force during Vietnam.

He was a machine operator for Courier Printing in Westford.

Mr. Emmert was active in Vineyard Christian Fellowship Church in Melrose and made two missionary trips to Jamaica with the church. He did volunteer work at The Edge of the Jordan Christian Coffee House and His Provision, a program that provides meals to the homeless in Haverhill.

Members of his family include his wife of 21 years, Robin (Hanby) Emmert of Bradford; sons, John Emmert of Lynn and Ryan Emmert of Bradford; mother and stepfather, Jean (Strickland) Emmert Pack and Lucian Pack of Boyd, Texas; brothers, Frank C. Emmert, Paul R. Emmert, and David A. Emmert, all of Texas; two aunts; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was the father of the late Cassi Emmert.

Calling hours are scheduled for today, Thursday, Jan. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at Free Christ-

ian Church, Elm Street. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Edge of the Jordan Christian Coffee House, 39 Lafayette Square, Haverhill, MA 01830.

Alice Grady Was a shop steward for the union at Tyer Rubber Co.

Alice Grady, 88, of Andover died Monday, Jan. 10, at Academy Manor Nursing Home after a long illness.

Mrs. Grady was born and educated in Lawrence.

She was a shop steward for the union at Tyer Rubber Co. where she worked for 40 years.

Mrs. Grady was a parishioner of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church in Lawrence.

She enjoyed knitting, crocheting and vegetable gardening.

Members of her family include her nieces, Linda Meadow of Coral Gables, Fla., and Nina Dagher of Miami; and several cousins.

She was the widow of Leo Grady.

A funeral service was held Wednesday at Farrah Funeral Home in Lawrence.

Francis E. Rees Worked at American Woolen Co. and retired from Raytheon Co.

Francis E. Rees Sr., 95, of Salem, N.H., died Thursday, Jan. 6, at Salemhaven Nursing Home.

The former Andover resident was

born in Cambridge and lived locally for the past 74 years.

He worked at American Woolen Co. and retired from Raytheon Co.

Members of his family include his wife of 61 years, Irene L. (Comeau) Rees of Salem, N.H.; daughter and son-in-law, Lorraine and Walter "Rusty" Anderson of Timonium, Md.; son and daughter-in-law, Francis E. and Jean Rees Jr. of Salem, N.H.; sisters, Ermine Dinan of Reading and Thelma Garden of Wilmington; brothers, Colin Rees of Saugus and Charles Rees of Sacramento, Calif.; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Mass was said Monday in Sacred Heart Church. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Racicot Funeral Home in Lawrence.

Margaret Dagan Retired in 1967 as chief dietitian at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Margaret (Ellis) Dagan, 91, of Andover died Wednesday, Jan. 5, at Lawrence General Hospital after a brief illness.

The former Oxon Hill, Md., resident was born in Haverhill. She graduated from St. James High School in 1925 and from Simmons College in 1929.

Mrs. Dagan spend two years in the Philippines as a civilian dietitian attached to the Army. She later worked at Walter Reed Hospital and retired in 1967 as chief dietitian at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, D.C.

Members of her family include her

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Deaths Elsewhere

ANDRUKATIS - Anthony Andrukatis, 81, of Turners Falls, formerly of Lawrence, died Monday in Greenfield.

Members of his family include a sister, Julia M. Gauthier of Andover.

CORSETTO - Joseph C. Corsetto, 82, formerly of Methuen, died Sunday, Jan. 9, at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

DeROSA - Angelo A. DeRosa, 77, of Methuen died Sunday, Jan. 9, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. DeRosa was a computer operator at the Internal Revenue Service Center in Andover for more than 30 years.

DUBOIS - Andre X. Dubois, 63, of Lawrence died Sunday, Jan. 2, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. Dubois had worked at Hewlett Packard in Andover.

DUGAN - Edmund L. Dugan of Lawrence died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at home.

Mr. Dugan was a systems analyst at Raytheon Co. in Andover.

FLEMING - Gladys L. (Elliott) Fleming, 76, of Hadley died recently in Hadley. Funeral services were held last Wednesday in Amherst.

Members of her family include a daughter, Janice Minot of Andover.

MAGLIO - Ruth (McPherson) Maglio of Tewksbury died Tuesday, Jan. 4, at home.

Mrs. Maglio was a tax examiner for the IRS in Andover for many years.

Late Deaths

MACLAUCHLAN - David MacLauchlan, 72, formerly of Andover, died Friday at the Fort Lewis military base in Tacoma, Wash.

He grew up in Andover, where he lived until he joined the Army in 1945. He retired from the Army in 1976.

Services will be held tomorrow, Friday, at the Fort Lewis military cemetery.

SILVERMAN - George J. Silverman, 89, died Saturday, Jan. 8, at his home in Andover.

Born in Lawrence, he was a graduate of Phillips Academy, class of 1929, Stanford University and the University of Washington at Seattle.

Mr. Silverman was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He was discharged as a sergeant.

For many years he was an antique dealer in Greater Lawrence until his retirement. He lived in Andover for the last 40 years and was an avid reader.

Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence.

STULGIS - Beatrice S. Stulgis, of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, at home. Burke Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Death Notice

Estelle Gould

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL - On Sunday, January 9, Estelle (Lynch) Gould, wife of Dexter D. Gould of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and formerly of Manchester, NH, passed away peacefully after a short illness. She leaves behind her beloved husband of 66 years and best friend, Dexter; daughters, Nancy Sandman (Michael) of Brookline and Priscilla Gould (Harry Malone) of Bethesda, MD. She was predeceased by her son, Peter H. Gould. In addition, she leaves two brothers, Myron Lynch (Gloria) of Marcos Island, FL; Jonathan Lynch of Boynton Beach, FL; and a sister-in-law, Charlotte Lynch of Andover. She also leaves eight grandchildren, Marcus Gould (Marianne), Heather Patz (Kevin) and Andrew Gould, all of Manchester, NH; Dr. David Gould (Kris) of Hanover, NH; Leslie Laszkovits (Brian) of Denver, CO; Elizabeth and Joanna Sandman of Brookline; and Gregory Malone of Bethesda, MD. She leaves four great grandchildren, Madeline, Alexander, Calvin and Griffin and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Mrs. Gould was an accomplished interior designer and also served as Vice-president of the Lynch Corporation of Manchester, NH, for more than 20 years. She was a long-time volunteer of Planned Parenthood, drove a Red Cross ambulance during WWII, an active member of Hadassah and sisterhood at Temple Adath Yeshurun in NH. Her other outside interests included being a Master bridge player; she was a licensed pilot; enjoyed hot air ballooning and hosted a radio show in NH.

Funeral services were held at Temple Israel, Longwood Avenue and Plymouth Street, Boston, on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. Interment took place at Temple Emanuel Cemetery in Lawrence. The family will sit shiva at the home of Michael and Nancy Sandman, Brookline, through Thursday, Jan. 13, 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Temple Israel, 02215. Arrangements by the Levine Chapel, Brookline.

NEWS FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Here are some of the activities planned at the Andover Senior Center.

Brown bag lunch and lecture

Travel with Diane Butler as she presents a slide and lecture entitled "Redwood and Sequoia Journey" Wednesday, Jan. 26, at noon. Butler, who specializes in nature photography, will share her trip through this magnificent part of the country. Reservations would be appreciated. Bring a bag lunch, the center will supply dessert and beverage.

Supper club

The monthly supper group will meet at Angelica's Restaurant Wednesday, Jan. 26, at 5 p.m. Cost is \$14 inclusive and the menu selection is available at the center. Reservations are necessary.

Friday forum/safe driving program

A free, hour-long presentation by the Registry of Motor Vehicles on Friday, Jan. 28, at 9:30 a.m. will consist of a mul-

timedia presentation, safety tips, questions and answers, and information on how to obtain a handicap plate or placard. Call the center if you would like to attend.

Chinese New Year

The annual Chinese New Year celebration and buffet supper will be held Wednesday, Feb. 9, at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and available at the center. Sign up early for this popular event.

Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit

A second trip has been scheduled to see the Pharaohs of the Sun exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts to accommodate those on the current waiting list. The trip is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27. Call the center.

Movie matinee

Notting Hill will be shown Monday, Jan. 24, at 1 p.m. The comedy is about an American movie star, played by Julia Roberts, and the ups and downs of her

relationship with Hugh Grant, a travel bookstore owner. The Senior Center appreciates the continued support of Andover Video.

Men's breakfast

All senior men are invited to this month's breakfast Friday, Jan. 21, at 8:30 a.m. Michelle Lunceford, a former guide from the Stone Zoo, will discuss the destruction of the rain forests and the effect on plant and animal life. A live presentation will include a close-up look at some rain forest animals, including a blue tongue skink, monitor lizard, African gray parrot, and black-and-white tegu. Call the center to make a reservation.

Creative cooking group

A few spots are still open for this month's creative cooking group with Ed Alessi. The class will meet Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 9 a.m. The \$5 reservation includes lunch. Newcomers are welcome to register.

Fix-it shop

Volunteers will be on hand Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. to help with any items that might need some fixing.

'Lifestyle By Design' cable show

Lifestyle By Design, a new Andover local access cable show, is looking for seniors interested in being part of its audience Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 7 p.m. Bettyanne MacCormac, author of *Never Too Old To Feel Good*, and neurologist Dr. Matthew Gold will be the guests. Reservations are not necessary; just enter the MediaOne studio via the AHS Collins Center entrance.

Senior Center closed

Andover Town Offices, including the Senior Center, will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

OBITUARIES

Margaret Dagan

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daughter and son-in-law, Sandra Dagan Kirley and James Kirley of Andover; sister, Lorraine Williams of North Billerica; and granddaughter, Karen Kirley of Andover.

She was the widow of Wilfred R. Dagan.

Private funeral services were held in Clinton, Md.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover 01810.

Joseph G. St. Jean Was preparator at Addison Gallery at PA for 22 years

Joseph George St. Jean, 83, of Andover died Monday, Jan. 10, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mr. St. Jean was born in Lowell. He attended Andover public schools.

Mr. St. Jean served in the Army during World War II.

He was the preparator at Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy for 22 years.

Mr. St. Jean was a member of American Legion Post 8.

Members of his family include his wife, Edith (Valentine) St. Jean of Andover; son and daughter-in-law, Peter and Martha St. Jean of Hampstead, N.H.; daughters, Pamela Muller

of Andover and her husband, James Muller, and Nancy Vondell of Northampton; brother, Rene St. Jean of Andover; sisters, Jeanette Campbell of Dracut and Evan Kennedy of Hampstead, N.H.; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to MSPCA, 400 Broadway, P.O. Box 455, Methuen, MA 01844.

Wilna E. Limpert Moved to Andover in 1994

Wilna E. (Gillespie) Limpert died Sunday, Jan. 9, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Limpert was born in Ralls, Texas, and grew up in Albuquerque, N.M. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa

from the University of New Mexico in 1942.

Mrs. Limpert had been a resident of La Jolla, Calif. for more than 40 years before she moved to Andover in 1994.

She was a lifelong Christian Scientist and a member of the Andover Christian Science Church.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Jancy Limpert and Bennett Whitestone of Redwood City, Calif.; son and daughter-in-law, Stan and Mary Ann Limpert of North Andover; and two grandchildren.

She was the widow of Dan C. Limpert.

Arrangements were by J.S. Waterman and Sons - Waring Funeral Home in Wellesley.

Memorial contributions may be made to Andover Christian Science Church, 36 Main St., Andover 01810.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsmen* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover. Questions? Call Jack Grady or Taylor Amerding at 475-7000.

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Business briefs ...

Chamber presents annual managers, mayors breakfast

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will present the seventh annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 14, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Andover Country Club.

Town managers **Buzz Stapczynski** of Andover and **Robert Halpin** of North Andover and mayors **Patricia Dowling** of Lawrence, **Sharon Pollard** of Methuen, **Nicholas Costello** of Amesbury, **James Rurak** of Haverhill, **Eileen Donoghue** of Lowell and **Lisa Mead** of Newburyport will attend. **Steve Lambert**, editor of *The Eagle-Tribune*, will be the guest moderator.

The cost of \$15 includes a full breakfast buffet.

Conway named to Opticom board of directors

Opticom Inc., a start-up software company pioneering new business-focused infrastructure management solutions for IT and network professionals, today announced the appointment of **James F. Conway III**, of Andover, to the company's board of directors.

Conway is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Courier Corp. (Nasdaq: CRRC), the largest book manufacturer in the northeast.

Conway will contribute "proven experience and valuable knowledge that will be essential to advance Opticom's business to new levels," said **Ed Flannery**, founder, president and chief executive officer of Opticom.

Conway has been with Courier Corp. since 1983, and held a succession of executive positions with the firm before becoming chairman. Under his leadership, in fiscal 1999 Courier achieved the strongest financial results in the company's history. His corporate career has been focused in the printing industry, with previous positions at Rand McNally & Co.

Opticom designs and markets business-focused infrastructure reporting software that enables customers to increase operational efficiency, improve service levels and obtain accurate financial information necessary to apply business management to their technical infrastructures. The company can be reached on the Internet at www.opticominc.com.

Wynwood named among best custom home builders

Wynwood Associates Inc., of Andover, has been named one of the nine best custom home builders in the country by *Custom Home* magazine, the leading trade

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Raytheon in eye of tax break storm

There was no question that the so-called "Raytheon tax break" was going to come up again at the Statehouse. The only question was when.

And what better time than right after Jan. 1 2000, when the "accountability provisions" of the tax break expired. The "single-sales factor," passed in 1995, eliminated state taxes on goods sold outside of Massachusetts, but required Raytheon and other Massachusetts manufacturers to maintain a payroll of at least 90 percent of what it was on Jan. 1, 1996 to continue to qualify for the break. Now that payroll requirement has expired.

That gave added emphasis to state Sen. **Susan Fargo's** charge that the legislation amounts to "payoffs for layoffs."

Fargo, a Lincoln Democrat, has been critical of Raytheon and that legislation for some time, because while the company has met the payroll requirements, it has still laid off 6,000 workers since 1995, and according to Fargo, has farmed out the work on 20 of 24 contracts to other states, particularly Arizona.

"That was a loophole," she says, "because it allowed them to let (manufacturing) workers go, and to hire other people at better pay and benefits. It's like we paid for the moving van."

Fargo, who has filed a bill that would require the company to maintain employment levels at 90 percent of what they were five years ago, rather than payroll, held a press conference last week to promote the bill.

"Right now, they're getting tax breaks for nothing," she says.

She was joined by some Raytheon employees who had favored the tax break five years ago, but who now say they were misled into thinking it would protect their jobs.

However, if the Merrimack Valley delegation's view of the matter is any indication, the bill may have a tough time making it through the Legislature.

State Sen. **Susan Tucker**, D-Andover, says while she also misses the old days when companies seemed more like big families, the reality is that those days are gone.

"Some say that Raytheon has broken faith (with workers) and ought to be punished," she says, "but they have been forced to respond to economic realities."

Tucker says there are "so many global factors" involved in the migration of manufacturing jobs that this tax debate is "like a drop in the ocean. And I lean more toward the carrot than the stick. I don't think the stick works any more."



Tucker — responding to "global realities."

Congressman **Marty Meehan**, while not directly involved in this debate because it is in the state Legislature, is still very much involved in lobbying to bring military contracts to Raytheon, such as U.S. Navy contract announced last week, for \$79 million.

He says he has mixed feelings about Fargo's tax bill. "I believe companies should be held to some sort of commitment," he says, "but I think it should also be made clear that this (tax break) isn't just about Raytheon. It's about other manufacturers."

Meehan says much of Massachusetts manufacturing is exported out of state or out of the country, "and they were being penalized under the old system."

He adds that while Raytheon has eliminated a number of manufacturing jobs, it has added jobs for programmers and software engineers.

"I hate to lose manufacturing jobs," he says, "but I want to keep Raytheon here. It is still a major employer."

That is the word from the company as well, which says that while it did save about \$8.2 million in taxes last year because of the break, it also pumped \$4.3 billion into the Massachusetts economy.

Spokesperson **Amy Hosmer** says the tax break is "an incentive that makes Raytheon and others more competitive. It would be unfortunate to reverse that."

Fargo contends, however, that tax breaks like this don't do what they are intended to do. She says a study has shown that "this approach results in a loss of jobs."

And she says while she is very much aware of the global economy, "I



Meehan — manufacturers "were being penalized."

still think companies need to pay attention to people, and not just profits. I want tax policy that is good for business, good for the state and good for workers."

She says it is clear that Raytheon doesn't have its workers interests at heart, contending that the company bused workers in to the Statehouse five years ago to testify in favor of the bill, and treated them to lunch, "and then this time they were threatened with disciplinary action (if they testified against the company)."

One thing all sides can apparently agree on is that a well-trained work force is more important even than taxes.

"Things like that, schools and environment are things you can't really calculate," Fargo says, adding that "one of the biggest problems we have is a declining quality in the work force. We're trying to improve that, and that is an issue that has brought together labor and business."

She says her bill is now before the Taxation Committee, and is not sure when it will be reported out, but is optimistic that it will pass.

Tucker, however, says she thinks the issue will be resolved with some kind of compromise. "I don't think either Senator Fargo or Raytheon will get everything they want," she says.

But she says she hopes the current debate will prompt some discussion about how to make the tax code simpler. "We've fallen into the trap of making our tax code more complex," she says, "and that only benefits the lawyers and accountants. What businesses really want is some predictability."

— Taylor Armerding

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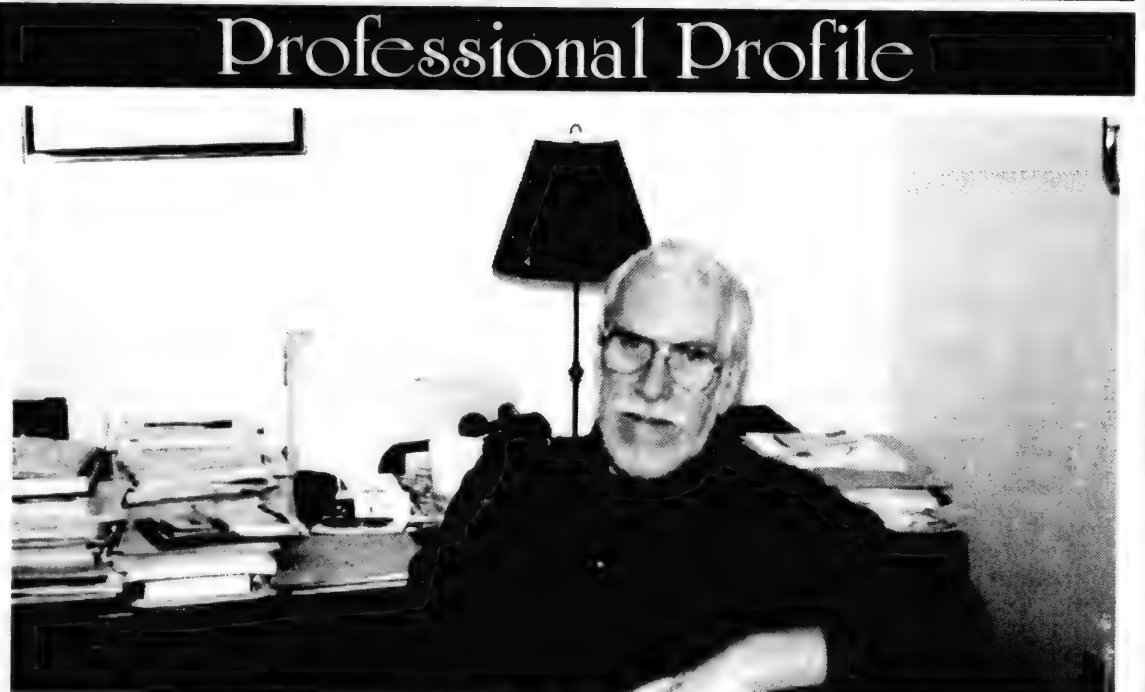
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BUSINESS

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magazine in the custom home industry.

"We've always strived in our company to be the best," says **Todd Wacome**, president of Wynwood Associates. "Receiving this national award is a great achievement for all of our team members."

Wacome received the Pacesetter award at the Custom Builder Symposium in Atlanta, Ga., in October. The company was also profiled in the November issue of *Custom Home* magazine.

The judges singled out Wynwood for its innovative use of the World Wide Web in customer service and business management. At www.wynwood.net, customers and trade contractors can monitor the progress of each custom home under construction. All the important information about each house is posted on the site, except for private financial data.

By making its Web site a customer service and management tool, Wynwood Associates stands on the cutting edge of Internet applications in home building.

"We post a picture of each home, the most current plan dates, list all the selections that have been made, highlight those that need to be made, and show the status of all change orders," says Wacome, who builds about six custom homes each year. "We also link with sites of the local utility companies, Mass

Electric and Bay State Gas, local realtors, building product manufacturers, and the town of Andover."

Wynwood updates the site daily, keeping everyone involved in the projects up to date. The company has even started posting its Daily Project Journals on the Web site. These journals are a running commentary of everything happening on the job.

"We were a little hesitant to post the journals because some of the information in them could be perceived as negative, such as a trade informing us that he will be late, but our customers really enjoy knowing everything that is happening to their home," says Wacome.

"Our clients say the site makes them feel much more involved in their project. If they see something they don't understand or they have a question or concern, they can call us immediately, rather than waiting to go out to the job site. Additionally, our open book policy has created an atmosphere of trust with our clients."

Wynwood Associates designs and builds custom homes in and around Andover. The company's Web site is accessible from Prudential Howe and Doherty's site at www.andover-living.com.

Bell Atlantic employees gave to area kids

Employees at Bell Atlantic's Residence Service Center in Andover eliminated office gift-giving during the holiday season. Instead, they pooled their resources to pro-



Mmmmm — Dr. Jonathan Ross, Billy Yameen of Butcher Boy Catering and Cheryl A. Prochilo of Andover, a member of the "Dine with the Docs" committee, show off some of the food to be served at the auction and raffle.

Holy Family hosts 'Dine with the Docs'

"Dine with the Docs II," a silent auction and raffle to benefit Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, will be held Sunday, Jan. 23 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover, formerly the Andover Marriott.

Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$50 for benefactors, which includes a program card listing.

Area restaurants participat-

ing include Andover Inn, Beijing, Butcher Boy Catering, Cosmos, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Lanam Club, Lobster Tail, Perfecto's and Sweet Basil.

Some of the hospital's physicians will be serving the food.

Reserve tickets before Jan. 14. Call 557-0390 Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 p.m. to reserve tickets with a credit card.

vide thousands of dollars in toys, gifts and food for charitable programs in surrounding communities.

Employees at 20 Shattuck Road held raffles to raise money for a holiday shopping spree at Ames department store in Salem, N.H. With the help of a discount provided by the store, the employees purchased more than \$100,000 worth of toys for the Toys for Tots program.

The group placed a "giving

tree" in the building. The tree held gift tags designating items requested by needy children. Employees selected tags and played Santa to each child. They purchased and wrapped nearly 300 gifts for distribution through the Salvation Army and local shelters, and to individual families.

Employees also collected non-perishable food items and donated food baskets to Neighbors in Need and to Bread and Roses.

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Sports

Roundup: Girls basketball, track, gymnastics teams excel

By Rick Harrison

Shot putters Ogechi Ibe, Robin Young and Melissa Langlais placed first in their event to lead the Andover High girls indoor track team to an impressive second place finish at the State Coaches Class B Relay Championships at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Roxbury.

Interesting times are ahead for both Andover High varsity basketball teams.

The undefeated AHS girls (9-0) host once-beaten Lowell (8-1) tonight at the Dunn Gym and lead a powerhouse four-team field into this weekend's MediaOne Tournament at Tufts University in Medford.

The AHS boys (9-1) also face a strong MediaOne tourney field on Saturday and Sunday in preparation for next Friday night's monumental Merrimack Valley Conference first-place showdown with Central Catholic at the Dunn.

Kristen Elsmore had another sensational performance for the AHS girls gymnastics team, placing first in every event as the locals galloped

Both basketball teams facing showdowns

past Chelmsford easily.

The AHS girls ski team launched its season with an impressive tri-meet sweep as Lisa Tylus and Sherry Conrad sparked the strong showing against Methuen and highly-regarded North Andover.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity hoop team remained tied with Central Catholic for first place in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference, and moved within one victory of Division 1 North Tournament qualification, with recent wins over Haverhill (63-49) and Billerica (66-39).

Those results left the Golden Warriors at 9-1 overall, including a perfect 7-0 in conference play, and set up a huge showdown next Friday night (7:30) at home against Central (10-1, 7-0 MVC) which had a 20-game carry-over win streak snapped 65-62 by Holy Name of Worcester on Tuesday night.

Schedule

Next up for AHS is a battle with Boston Latin in the opening round of the MediaOne Tournament on Saturday at Tufts University in Medford (6 p.m.).

South Boston and Haverhill complete the four-team field for the two-day tourney, which wraps up with championship and consolation round games on Sunday.

Scoring leaders

Tom McLaughlin has 284 points through 10 games (28.4 ave.), while Brad Stubenhaus has 142, Kevin Shepard 66, Dave Cordima 58 and Paul Bellacqua 47.

McLaughlin now has 1,198 career points.

Andover 66 Billerica 39

After jumping off to a surprising 4-0 start the Indians have lost four straight — the latest setback to the locals at the Dunn Gym.

Playing outstanding defense throughout the game, Andover raced to a 37-16 halftime lead and held the victors to a season-low 39 points.

It was the third time in the last four games the Golden Warriors held an opponent below 50 points.

Nine players figured in the scoring for the victors, whose only player in double figures was Tom McLaughlin with 22 points.

Junior guard Kevin Shepard was next in line with nine points, Capt. Brad Stubenhaus had eight and Capt. Paul Bellacqua seven at the point-guard spot.

Dave Cordima and Geordie Miliotis netted five points each, Miliotis

getting his at the free throw line, while Capt. Pat Murnane and junior forward Chris Caverly tossed in four points apiece.

Danny Hughes completed the scoring with a pair of free throws as Andover out-pointed the Indians 17-5 at the stripe.

Andover 63 Haverhill 49

The host Hillies stunned Andover by bolting to a 15-3 lead early in the first half, but the Golden Warriors weathered the storm and turned in their finest defensive effort of the season on the way to the impressive victory.

"Haverhill came out like wildfire at the start of the game," said AHS head coach Dave Fazio. "They made a couple of early three-pointers and consistently beat us down the floor in transition."

The Hillies' lead peaked at 12 points, however, and the locals made a run of their own during the final four minutes of the half to trim the deficit to just two points (25-23) at the break.

Andover took control of the game at the outset of the second half, outscoring Haverhill 40-24 over the final 16 minutes.

"Haverhill played a box-and-1 against Tommy (McLaughlin) the whole game," said Fazio. "They had about 11 different people covering him. He beat the strategy by taking good shots and making good decisions with the ball."

McLaughlin was "held" to a season-low five baskets and 18 total points, but picking up the slack neatly were Brad Stubenhaus with 18 points, Pat Murnane 10 and Kevin Shepard nine.

"Stubenhaus, Murnane and Shepard stepped up their play and did a good job of finding the open man to beat the double coverage," said Fazio.

Murnane and Dave Cordima also played solid defense, limiting Haverhill sharpshooter Sean Sughrue to 12 points.

"You're doing a pretty good job defensively when you hold Haverhill to 49 points," said Fazio.

Paul Bellacqua contributed four points, a team-high nine assists and five deflections for Andover, while Cordima had four points and Geordie Miliotis also played well.

McLaughlin and Stubenhaus pulled down nine rebounds each and Murnane had seven.

Victor Martinez was high scorer for the Hillies with 15 points.

Andover held a slim 22-21 edge in field goals, but the winners outscored Haverhill by a decisive 15-5 margin at the free throw line.

EARLIER GAME Andover 74 Lawrence 59

The Golden Warriors beat the Lancers for the second time in 12 days, almost duplicating the 74-58 score from the opening round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament.

"We played excellent defense

against a team that is much better than its record," said Fazio.

The locals bolted to a commanding 14-point halftime lead (40-26) and traded hoops with Lawrence (1-6) after the break.

Tom McLaughlin pumped through 27 points, including four trifectas, while Dave Cordima (15 points) and Brad Stubenhaus (11) also hit double figures.

Junior guard Geordie Miliotis had a personal season-high seven points, while Capt. Paul Bellacqua returned after missing a game (back injury) and netted four points.

"Paul is a tough kid," said Fazio. "He wasn't going to sit out long."

Rounding out the attack were Capt. Pat Murnane with four points and Danny Hughes, Chris Caverly and Mark Byrne with a basket each.

"Kevin Shepard did everything but score," said Fazio. "He finished the game with about six steals and nine assists."

Roberto Ruiz paced the Lancers with 16 points.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Kristen Elsmore placed first in all four events, and ran away with the all-around title, as the Andover High girls gymnastics team left Chelmsford in the dust with a resounding 135.25 to 124.85 dual-meet triumph at Chelmsford.

Freshman Sheri Bernstein added three second place finishes, and the team score was achieved even though Becky Hass was less than 100 percent and only able to compete in one event.

"The kids are beginning to realize how good they are and they're getting excited," said coach Julie Chapman. "I wish the State Meet was tomorrow. I feel so good about our chances."

"The only thing is a lot can happen between now and the end of February. We have to get Becky back healthy and hope that no one else gets hurt."

Schedule

AHS had an MVC tri-meet last night at home against Lowell and Dracut, and the Lady Warriors compete at Masconomet Regional in Topsfield next Monday evening at 5 p.m.

A dual meet scheduled last Thursday night against Wilmington was postponed when the judges failed to show. The tentative makeup date is Wednesday, Feb. 2 at Andover.

Injury report

Sophomore Becky Hass, one of the top high school gymnasts in the state, is slowed by a sore (fourth) toe on her left foot that hinders her mobility and ability to put weight or pressure on the foot.

She competed in only one event (bars) against Chelmsford and her availability for last night's tri-meet was in question.

"Becky's going to be fine but it's the type of nagging injury that needs time to heal," said coach Chapman.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

ANDOVER 135.25,
CHELMSFORD 124.85
at Chelmsford High

UNEVEN BARS: 1. Kristen Elsmore (A) 9.25; 2. Sheri Bernstein (A) 8.65; 3. Becky Hass (A) 8.5; 4. Katie McCabe (C) 8.45. **Other AHS Scores:** Katie Cail 7.6; Bahaar Massihzadegan 7.55; Lisa Vallerce 6.95.

BALANCE BEAM: 1. Elsmore (A) 8.9; 2. Bernstein (A) 8.7; 3. Krit Kearins (A) 8.45; 4. Jackie Barry (A) 8.1. **Other AHS Scores:** Gretchen Fuhr 8.05; Cail 7.65.

Vault: 1. Elsmore (A) 9.0; 2. Lauren Gardner (C) 8.45; 3. Kearins (A) 8.35; 4. Renee Fung (A) 8.2. **Other AHS Scores:** Massihzadegan 8.15; Fuhr 8.075; Kaitlin Doyle 7.8.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 1. Elsmore (A) 8.8; 2. Bernstein (A) 8.5; 3. Massihzadegan (A) 8.15; 4. Jenn Casanova (C) 8.1.

Other AHS Scores: Fuhr 7.95; Kearins 7.85; Maureen Lothrop 7.55.

All-Around: 1. Kristen Elsmore (A) 35.95; 2. Lauren Gardner (C) 32.05; 3. Abby Carter (C) 30.25.

Andover 135.25 Chelmsford 124.85

Elsmore strutted her stuff impressively with a 9.2 on the uneven bars, a 9.0 in vault, an 8.9 on balance beam and an 8.8 in floor exercise for a flashy 35.95 all-around total.

Sheri Bernstein stepped into the varsity spotlight and responded with a solid 8.7 on beam, 8.65 on bars and 8.5 in vault.

Capt. Krit Kearins nailed a pair of third places on beam (8.45) and in vault (8.35), while Becky Hass was third on bars (8.5) and sophomore Bahaar Massihzadegan third in floor (8.15).

Placing fourth for the locals were sophomore Jackie Barry on beam (8.1) and junior Renee Fung in vault (8.2).

"We went for a score today but I know we can still improve on the 135," said Chapman. "Floor scores for all teams in all meets have been lower this year. I don't know if there was some rule change I'm unaware of, but Kristen (Elsmore) should be scoring at least 9.0 every meet and as a team we can add at least two more points in floor."

"When that happens — and Becky gets healthy — we could zero in on that 140," said Chapman.

"Tonight we improved immensely (from the first meet) on beam. We only had one fall which is outstanding."

Junior Gretchen Fuhr competed in three events and came through with an 8.075 in vault, 8.06 on beam and 7.95 in floor.

Freshman Katie Cail scored 7.6 on bars and 7.65 on beam, while Massihzadegan also posted a 7.55 on bars and an 8.15 in vault.

Kearins had a 7.85 in floor, while other AHS competitors were freshman Lisa Vallerce on bars (6.95), junior Kaitlin Doyle in vault (7.8) and junior Capt. Maureen Lothrop in floor (7.55).

BOYS BASKETBALL

ANDOVER 66, BILLERICA 39 at Dunn Gym

Billerica — Mike Rauseo 2-0-4, Phil Haley 0-0-0, Dan MacKay 2-0-4, Bobby Jones 1-1-3, Chris Doneski 1-0-2, Sean Glavin 4-2-10, Bryan Meuse 6-2-14, Ryan Danehy 0-0-0, John McBride 1-0-2. **Totals:** 17-5-39.

Andover — Tom McLaughlin 9-4-22, Pat Murnane 2-0-4, Geordie Miliotis 0-5-5, Brad Stubenhaus 4-0-8, Paul Bellacqua 2-2-7, Danny Hughes 0-2-2, Chris Caverly 1-2-4, Kevin Shepard 2-3-9, Dave Cordima 2-0-5. **Totals:** 22-18-66.

Halftime: Andover, 37-16. **3-pointers:** A, Shepard 2, Bellacqua 1, Cordima 1. **Record:** Andover 9-1.

ANDOVER 63, HAVERHILL 49 at Haverhill High

Andover — Tom McLaughlin 5-5-18, Pat Murnane 4-2-10, Brad Stubenhaus 8-2-18, Paul Bellacqua 1-2-4, Kevin Shepard 2-4-9, Dave Cordima 2-0-4, Geordie Miliotis 0-0-0. **Totals:** 22-15-63.

Haverhill — AMartinez 2-0-4, Cheney 0-1-1, Cooper 2-0-4, Sughrue 4-3-12, VMartinez 7-0-15, Croft 1-1-3, Snow 5-0-10. **Totals:** 21-5-49.

Halftime: Haverhill, 25-23. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 3, Shepard 1; H, Sughrue 1, VMartinez 1. **Rebounds:** A, Stubenhaus 9, McLaughlin 9, Murnane 7.

Assists: A, Bellacqua 9. **Deflections:** A, Bellacqua 5.

ANDOVER 74, LAWRENCE 59

at Wolfendale Gym, Lawrence High
Andover — Tom McLaughlin 8-7-27, Pat Murnane 2-0-4, Brad Stubenhaus 4-3-11, Paul Bellacqua 1-2-4, Danny Hughes 1-0-2, Chris Caverly 1-0-2, Kevin Shepard 0-0-0, Dave Cordima 6-3-15, Mike Byrne 1-0-2, Geordie Miliotis 1-5-7. **Totals:** 25-20-74.

Lawrence — Juan Nunez 3-0-7, Jaxander Frias 1-1-3, Juan Frias 1-1-3, Ovalixto Sanchez 2-2-6, Linares Nunez 1-1-3, Wilkins Victor 3-0-6, Tommy West 2-2-6, Roberto Ruiz 7-2-16, Luis Vasquez 0-1-1, Darnell West 2-4-8. **Totals:** 22-14-59.

Halftime: Andover, 40-26. **3-pointers:** A, McLaughlin 4; L, JNunez 1.

AHS ROUNDUP

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BOYS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High boys gymnastics team had some solid individual performances while opening its dual-meet season with consecutive losses to host teams Salem, N.H. and Eastern Mass. League rival Attleboro High.

Schedule

Andover is back on the road for the third straight meet next Tuesday, competing at Newton North (5 p.m.), and the home opener is a week from tonight against Newton South (7 p.m.).

Salem, N.H. 133.40
Andover 74.70

Matched against a Salem squad with four club gymnasts who compete throughout the year, the Golden Warriors had some excellent individual efforts but couldn't keep pace with the more experienced Blue Devils.

AHS junior Matt Jones, competing in every event except the vault, topped out with a 5.2 in floor exercise and finished at 22.00 all-around.

Senior Dave Krasik had a team-best 7.6 in the vault and Rob Ginsberg scored 4.7 on pommel horse.

"We had a few kids, including (junior all-around) Pat Jelson, who were out sick and a couple others who didn't compete because they'd been on vacation," said co-head coach Jack Gleason.

"The main thing is we got some newcomers into their first varsity meet. We're young and we're rebuilding."

Among the first-time competitors were Dave Zammuto and freshman Dan Booth, both in floor exercise, and senior Bryan Okamoto who scored 3.2 on the parallel bars.

Attleboro 100.80
Andover 83.40

The Golden Warriors, jacking up their team score by almost 10 points in the second meet, had third-place event finishes by Dave Krasik in the vault (7.6) and Matt Jones on rings (4.6).

Jones was also AHS team-high scorer in floor exercise (5.7) and parallel bars (4.1) on the way to a 22.20 all-around score.

Other top efforts were contributed by Rob Ginsberg on pommel horse (4.0), and first-year gymnasts Ross Iman (5.5) and Todd Putnam (5.4) in floor exercise.

INDOOR TRACK

The AHS girls piled up 36 points to finish second to Reading (54) in the State Coaches Class B Relays.

In addition to the victory by the shot put trio, the Lady Warriors added a pair of second places, a third and a fourth.

The girls have placed second in the team standings several other times at this meet, and once shared the title with Tewksbury.

The Andover boys chalked up 16 points on the way to 10th place in their division of the Class B Relays.

Gloucester won the Class B boys team title with 46 points, Reading was second (36) and Central Catholic third (34).

In dual meet action, the girls improved to 4-0 overall and the boys squared their record at 2-2 after both defeated Haverhill by similar scores in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 action at the AHS Field House.

Schedule

Both Andover teams hosted Central

Catholic yesterday at the AHS Field House, and the next dual meet is next Wednesday when Chelmsford comes to town for a key MVC Division 1 showdown (3:30 p.m.).

This Saturday Andover athletes are scheduled to compete in the annual McIntyre Elite Relays at the Reggie Lewis Track & Athletic Center in Roxbury (11 a.m.). The meet is named after longtime Andover resident, Melrose High teacher/coach and MIAA official Bob McIntyre.

State Class B Relays

Ogechi Ibe uncorked a team-best 32' 1 1/2" toss to spark the Lady Warriors to the Class B shot put title.

Robin Young was close behind with a 31' 5" throw and Melissa Langlais added a 27' 2" heave for a total distance of 90' 7 1/2".

High jumpers Alexis Contos (4'10"), Liz Connors (4'10") and Emily Pfeil (4'8") finished second with a combined height of 14'4".

Long jumpers Sheena Patel (15'11"), Stephanie Pierce (14'10 1/2") and Siobhan Landry (14' 1/2") were also runners-up with a total distance of 44'9 1/2".

Placing third was the 4x400 relay of Patel, Janelle LaRose, Stephanie Casper and Allison Corey in 4:20.12, while the 4x800 relay of Lindsey Durkin, Jessie DeFrancisco, Caity Murray and Corey finished fourth in 10:24.7 to complete the Andover scorers.

Charles Murnane participated on two AHS boys relays that placed third.

He joined Bob Ullo, Jeremy Spiegel and Mike Giles on the 4x50 sprint relay which crossed in 22.94 seconds.

Murnane also soared 6'0" in the high jump, while Alex Champion and Nishant Mehta both cleared 5'3" as the threesome combined for a height of 16'6".

Golden Warrior shot putters Adam Spiller (39'10"), Mike Burnett (38'8") and Peter An (38'3 1/4") placed fifth with a total distance of 116'7 1/4".

Completing the scorers in fifth place was the distance medley relay quartet of Greg Stamm (1,200 meters), Chad Mongeau (400 meters), Terrance Fitzsimmons (800 meters) and Tim Galebach (1,600 meters). They crossed in 11 minutes, 23.89 seconds.

Andover may have scored higher but had a couple of tough breaks in the meet. A baton was dropped during an exchange and officials mistakenly placed a relay team in the wrong (unseeded) heat.

"Overall the kids ran very well," said head coach Art Iworsley. "We (coaches) were pleased with all the efforts."

Andover girls 49
Haverhill 37

The undefeated Lady Warriors' MVC Division 1 dual-meet opener also produced the first serious challenge of the season.

Both teams placed first in five events, but AHS won on superior depth with six of nine second places and sweeps in the 50 hurdles and high jump.

The sweep of the hurdles was accomplished by Sheena Patel with a personal-best 7.5 clocking. Stephanie Pierce with a personal-best 7.6 and comebacking Megan Munroe (8.2).

Placing top three in the high jump, for the third time in four meets, were winner Liz Connors



▲ Above, Shannon Sweeney (33) and Michelle Danis (42) battle Billerica.

◀ At left, co-captain Lindsey Pearson (12) leads the Lady Warriors with 117 points in nine games.

Photos by Lisa Adelsberger

Nishant Mehta was runner-up in the high jump (5'8") and there was no third place finisher.

Adding a 1-2 in the two-mile were undefeated Tim Galebach (10:17.3) and Brendan Ahern (personal-best 10:40.4), while other Andover victors were shot putter Adam Spiller (42' 1/4") and Terrance Fitzsimmons with a personal-best 1:22.5 in the 600 run.

Additional second places were secured by sprinter Mike Giles (50 dash, 5.8), Greg Stamm (1000 run, 2:35.9) and miler Tom Lane (5:02.4).

Completing the scoring with other thirds were Chad Mongeau (300 dash, 36.8), Adam Gardner (1000 run, 2:37.3), miler Brian Gosselin (5:04.2) and shot putter Peter An (39'8").

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Still undefeated and looking like a sure-fire Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 champion as the season reaches the halfway mark, the Andover High girls varsity hoop team posted two more lopsided victories recently over Haverhill (55-30) and Billerica (63-32).

The Lady Warriors, 9-0 overall and 7-0 in conference play, need just one more victory to earn an Eastern Mass. Division 1 Tournament berth.

Andover's smallest margin of victory in its seven MVC games to date has been 18 points as the locals have yet to be challenged.

Showdown tonight

The Lady Warriors host surprising Lowell (8-1, eight straight wins) tonight (Thursday) at the Dunn

Andover boys 48
Haverhill 37

The AHS boys won their second straight with Charles Murnane chalking up yet another double triumph in the 50 hurdles (6.6 to tie his personal-best time) and high jump (6'0").

As in the girls meet both teams finished first in five events, and once again the locals prevailed by grabbing six of nine second places and sweeping the hurdles and high jump.

Following Murnane in the hurdles were Kyle Miller (7.0) and Alex Champion (7.3).

Lindsay Pearson first winner of new award

Andover High School girls basketball team co-captain Lindsey Pearson is the first winner of a new weekly award sponsored by Baystate Financial Services, which will alternate each week between members of the girls and boys teams.

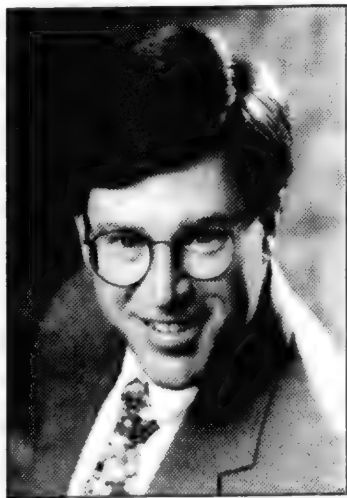
The award is "to acknowledge overall excellent performance by players on these teams," says Ronald Hill, Baystate's managing principal.

Pearson was nominated for the first award by coach Jim Tildsley, who says she "is a team leader and has had a terrific season for us so far. She's played really well all around, particularly in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament, where she was named the tournament MVP."

Pearson is the team's leading scorer with 13.5 points per game. Through the end of last week she had 37 rebounds, 18 steals, 18 assists and was shooting 70 percent from the foul line and 50 percent from the field.

Boys coach David Fazio will make the first boys award next week. Baystate will present trophies to the winners at regular points during the season.

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AHS ROUNDUP

Gym (7:30 p.m.).

Lowell dropped its season opener to Andover, 53-22, at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell but has not lost since. The most recent victory was 59-56 over highly-regarded Central Catholic in overtime.

"Lowell scares me," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "Mike (Crowley) is one of the best coaches around and they must be doing a lot of things right since the first time we played them."

Top guns for the young Red Raiders are six-foot sophomore center Estrella Kuilan, freshman point-guard Asia Alston and sophomore forward Jenn Scannell who paced the win over Central with 20 points.

"We're pumped to be playing so well," said Crowley. "We're a much better team than we showed back on Dec. 11 and we're looking for-

ward to the rematch."

Schedule

The MediaOne Tournament is Saturday and Sunday at Tufts University in Medford. Andover battles Somerville in a semifinal game on Saturday (4 p.m.). Jeremiah Burke and Braintree complete the four-team field.

Both Andover and Somerville are undefeated, as is Burke, while Braintree has only one loss, which should make for a spectacular tournament.

Scoring Leaders

Capt. Lindsey Pearson has 117 points through nine games, while Jenny Muller has 109, Lisa Tisbert 76, Shannon Sweeney 63, and Michelle Danis 53.

All 14 varsity players have hit

the scoring column.

Andover 63
Billerica 32

The struggling Indians (1-8) were simply no match for the locals, who led 33-18 at the half and held the host team to just 14 points after the break.

AHS has limited its last four opponents to 32 points or less and has not allowed more than 47 points this season.

"This was a very physical game," said Tildsley. "Billerica is a rough club. They have a lot of strong girls. Our kids took some pretty good bumps and came away with a few bruises."

"It was a good test for when we play Somerville at Tufts. That's the kind of game they play, too."

"We ran the ball really well tonight. We're one of the best fast-break teams around when we rebound well and make the quick outlet pass."

Jenny Muller led nine players into the scoring column with 13 points and she also passed out six assists for the winners.

Lindsey Pearson contributed 11 points, three steals and two blocks while Michelle Danis also hit double figures with 10 points.

Megan Pinksten produced seven points and 11 rebounds, and Shannon Sweeney had five points, four assists, three steals and a game-high 12 boards.

Freshman forward Samantha Hughes notched six points, junior forward Karen Whelan five, Kristen Swoboda four points, seven rebounds and Katie Kramer two free throws, five steals and three assists.

"Our young kids saw a lot of time,"

said Tildsley. "Whelan, Hughes and (Shawn) Foley all had quality minutes and played well."

Andover 55
Haverhill 30

The locals applied the defensive clamps to the visitors right from the start, holding the Hillies to 15 points in each half.

"We came out with good intensity and kept it throughout the game," said Tildsley. "Haverhill is having some trouble scoring this season but they still play excellent defense which makes them tough."

Jenny Muller and Lindsey Pearson combined for 30 AHS points, Muller fin-

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graduated from Andover High School in 1996.

Eskinder Zerihun Graham of Andover is enrolled in the associate degree automotive technology program at Franklin Institute

of Boston.

Quota International of Andover awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Elizabeth Billings of Methuen during the annual scholarship awards ceremony held Sept. 1 at Northern Essex Community. Billings



◀ From left, Louise Hadad of the Andover Quota Scholarship Committee, Elizabeth Billings, scholarship winner, and Mary Beth Nason, president of Andover Quota.



Brooks School senior Elsa R. Malmberg, of Andover, chats with former faculty member J. Tower Thompson, who came to Brooks School as a teacher in 1928, the second year the school was open. Thompson addressed the school community on the 72nd anniversary of the opening day of school. He taught at Brooks until 1958 when he "retired" - only to return 13 years later as the school's registrar. Now 92, Mr. Thompson retired "for good" in 1975 and currently lives in Florida.

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Quota of Andover gives scholarship money each year to a student who is either deaf or hard of hearing, or is in a course of study preparing

them to work in that field. Billings, a graduate of Methuen High, is a second-year student majoring in deaf studies interpreting and hopes to work as an interpreter between deaf patients and the person providing medical care.

Peter Gerstberger, son of Peter and Maureen Gerstberger of Andover, is a first-year student at Babson College in Wellesley.

Chih-Hung Chiang, a graduate of

UMass Lowell's master of science in computer science program, has been hired by Andover-based PictureTel as a Software Engineer II. His duties include designing and developing software for the system management group, using technologies such as SNMP, the Web, Java Script and Visual C++. The Dracut resident had been working as a part-time intern for PictureTel while earning his graduate degree.

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Anna Minkinen

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The competition is administered by the University Film and Video Foundation and a jury of Hollywood cinematographers who review the portfolios of candidates nominated by colleges, universities and professional schools with programs in film.

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and their potential for the future," said James F. MacKay, the founder of the Kodak Worldwide Student Program.

Each winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship and are invited to participate in the Eastman Scholarship Mentorship Program, conducted

by members of the ACS. Earlier this year, Minkinen also received an award from the University Film and Video Foundation for her screenplay. She worked in the art department of the movie *The Sixth Sense*, starring Bruce Willis, and her own animated and short films have been shown in film festivals.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Minkinen of Andover.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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ishing with a game-high 16 and Pearson 14. Muller also had eight assists and four steals while Pearson had eight rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Megan Pinksten notched a season-high 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds.

Tireless sophomore guard Katie Kramer tossed in five points to go with four assists, seven steals and outstanding overall defensive play.

"Kramer shut down (Meghan) Welcome (three points), one of Haverhill's top scorers, and kept her frustrated the whole game," said Tildsley.

Michelle Danis added four points, sophomore guard Kelly McLaughlin and Karen Whelan had a basket each, and other top rebounders were Kristen Swoboda (nine) and Shannon Sweeney (seven).

ICE HOCKEY

Two goals by Jon Ofria and a sharp piece of goaltending from Chris Salini led the Andover High varsity hockey team to a convincing 5-1 Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 victory over Westford Academy at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

Prior to that win the Golden Warriors squandered a 2-0 lead and dropped a 5-3 decision to league rival Haverhill.

The split left AHS at 2-2 in MW/DCL Division 2 and 3-4 overall.

Schedule

Last night the locals battled sputtering Division 1 power Chelmsford (2-3-1) at the Chelmsford Forum, and Saturday night the locals are back on the road with a key MV/DCL Division 2 game at Methuen High (6:50 p.m.) against the rampaging Rangers (6-1).

Scoring Leaders

After seven games Jon Ofria led with four goals and four assists.

Andy Ryan was equal in points with two goals and six assists, while Brad Dunn had 2 goals, four assists and Brendan Gleason one goal, four assists.

Hat Trick Club Web site

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Andover 5 Westford Academy 1

Junior defenseman Brendan Gleason broke the scoreless tie for Andover with a power play goal 5:27 into the second period, and three minutes later Jon Ofria added another power play connection as the locals moved ahead to stay.

Westford's top sniper, sophomore

forward Dennis Kane, netted his eighth goal in seven games at the 10:11 mark to trim the Golden Warriors' lead to 2-1.

Goalie Chris Salini slammed the door on the Grey Ghosts the rest of the way, and before the middle period ended Dennis Moran made it 3-1.

Andy Ryan picked up his third assist of the game and Brad Dunn contributed his second set up on Moran's tally.

Early in the third session AHS insurance goals were netted by Chris Cataldo (1:29) and Ofria (4:09).

"This was a much better team and overall defensive effort than the Haverhill game," said Andover head coach Bill Cullen.

Matt Busby, Jeff Stearns, Steve Johnson, sophomore defenseman George Lewis and Gleason contributed one assist each for the winners.

Salini played the first 40 minutes in net, Brendan Gatin the last five, and the pair combined for 26 saves as Andover finished with a 35-27 shots-on-goal edge.

Haverhill 5 Andover 3

The Golden Warriors jumped to a 2-0 lead early in the second period, but then eased up and paid the price as host Haverhill rallied for the league win at Veterans Rink.

"It was a disappointing loss because I believe we're the better team," said coach Cullen. "The kids had the wrong mind-set after taking the 2-0 lead. They thought we had the

game won."

Andover had a pair of goals called back in the scoreless first period, one for a high-stick and the other because it went into the net after the whistle blew.

"Rightfully so on both goals," said Cullen. "The refs made the correct call both times, but losing those two potential scores hurt."

The Golden Warriors grabbed a 1-0 lead when Andy Ryan connected during a goalmouth scramble 36 seconds into the middle period. Brad Dunn collected the assist.

Peter Burbank made it 2-0 just over two minutes later (2:55), completing a crisp passing play that saw assists given to Mike Corey and Jon Ofria.

Haverhill caught fire late in the second stanza on three rapid-fire goals less than two minutes apart by Neil Kelleher (12:34), Pat Thomas (13:37) and Dave Thompson (14:13).

Nick Madugno scored the eventual game-winner on a Hillies' power play 38 seconds into the final period, and Jon Carcone added an insurance goal five minutes later for a 5-2 lead.

Corey's first varsity goal, a power play connection set up by Ofria, completed the Andover attack at 9:45.

The Golden Warriors pulled goaltender Chris Salini for the final 90 seconds but did not score.

Salini finished with 23 saves, while Haverhill's Justin Teal made 25 stops, as the Hillies managed a slim 32-28 shots-on-goal edge.

"We have to play better team defense," said Cullen. "We're giving

up too many goals and it's not our goaltender's fault."

SKIING

Lisa Tylus led the way as the Andover High girls ski team, defending North Shore League co-champion, opened the season with a tri-meet sweep of North Andover (78-57) and Methuen (121-14) at the Bradford Hill Ski Area in Haverhill.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors return to the slopes tomorrow afternoon with a big dual meet against archrival and defending NSSL co-champ Masconomet Regional of Topsfield (3:15 p.m.).

Andover girls sweep

Tylus had the fifth fastest time of the day, 20.92 seconds, which was good enough for first place against Methuen and second to Renee Brusard (20.72) against North Andover.

The Lady Warriors had five other skiers in the top 10 versus the Scarlet Knights, Sherry Conrad (4th, 21.39), Jessica Moody (5th, 21.62), Brittany Traynor (6th, 21.74), Anna Vining (8th, 21.97) and Erin Zuena (10th, 22.51).

Others in the top 15 were Courtney Conlon (11th, 22.72), Tina Jette (14th, 23.16) and Jeanna Ricci (15th, 23.40).

Those same girls grabbed the top seven places, and nine of the top 10, against Methuen.

Also scoring versus the Rangers were Laura Schrader (11th), Dorothy

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Andover Church Basketball League Senior Division play resumes

The Andover Church Basketball League's Senior Division was back in action last Saturday at the Andover High Field House with a full slate of boys and girls division games.

St. Robert's A and St. Robert's B remained undefeated (4-0) and share the lead in the boys division, while St. Robert's A and St. Augustine A are both 3-0 on the girls side.

SENIOR BOYS

WEEK 4

St. Robert's B 30
St. Augustine C 24

With several key SRB players missing because of travel team commitments, the undefeated winners (4-0) barely prevailed over improved St. Augustine C.

Matt Wolfman led the way for St. Robert's with 8 points, Louis Peracchi and Tommy White added 7 each, Daniel Righter 6 and Patrick Bateson 2.

Matt Hill netted 6 points for balanced SAC, while Ryan Donahue had 4, Matt Fabiani and Jim Primes 3 each. Notching a field goal apiece were Brian Coffey, Ryan O'Leary, Alex Tzavalas and Doug Washington.

A 6-2 scoring edge at the free throw line helped SRB to the victory.

South Church 46
Faith Lutheran 33

Mike Gibson pumped in 16 points

and Nick Zuill added 14 to spark South (3-1) to the triumph. Gibson scored 10 of his points and Zuill had 12 in the second half, each connecting on several outside bombs.

Ryan Durkin added 6 points, Alex Foley 4, Pardeep Thandi 4 and Dan Robichaud 2.

Lutheran's high scoring Jake Kleinman was double-teamed and held to 8 points. Kevin Aufiero took over and pocketed 16, Johnny Fox 6, Fletch Irby 2 and Andy Hempstead had a free throw.

South's Brent Hyde is probably out for the balance of the season after the recurrence of a football injury.

St. Augustine D 24
St. Augustine A 21

The winners played a strong game, pulling off the upset over previously-undefeated SAA despite the absence of 6'2" Mark Thompson.

Nick Barash shared game-high honors with 11 points for the D-team, while Alex Marsh and Mark Radlinski added 4 each, Steve Schade 3 and Dave Szafarz 2.

For SAA, which trailed by seven at the half and made a second-half run that fell short, Paul Tassinari netted 11 points and Ryan Shepard converted 4 free throws.

Adam Soll and Adam Spang had a basket each, while Ben Baldwin and Jeff Sawyer converted a foul shot

apiece.

St. Robert's A 46
St. Augustine B 30

SRA (4-0) retained its share of first place despite having four key players unavailable.

Steve Russell and Tim Bengston picked up the slack nicely with 16 and 14 points respectively, while Nick Halks also reached double digits with 12.

Adam Dolan and Joe Tom completed the offense with 2 points each.

Brad Whiting sparked SAB with 10 points, Mark Swoboda had 8, Kevin Gaines 6, Matt Furness 4 and Steve Deering 2.

St. Robert's had a commanding 26-14 lead at the half.

SENIOR GIRLS

WEEK 4

St. Robert's A 29
St. Augustine B 24

The inside presence of athletic Elizabeth Dwulet was the difference in this battle of the unbeaten, as SRA improved to 4-0 and SAB fell to 3-1.

Dwulet finished with 12 points, Corinne Welsh had 7, Jennie McKain 6 and Annmarie Baraby 4 for St. Robert's, which led by eight at the half (20-12).

Brigga Heelen paced St. Augustine B with 10 points, 8 in the second

half, while Colleen Haugh contributed 4 and single baskets were notched by Lauren Barber, Kelsey Farrell, Kerry Haugh, Kate James and Mary Keohane.

St. Robert's C 34
West Parish 25

Jaime Gilbert was up to her old scoring tricks for SRC, returning to the lineup and pouring through 23 points (16 first half) against a West Parish team with no answer.

Danielle Perry added 6 points, Carolyn Sebaskey and Amanda Chomiz 2 each and Lindsay Davidson a free throw.

Kayla Parker produced 8 points for West, Leslie Peck 6, Allison Nill and Meredith Peck 4 each, Jacqui Herling 2 and Kaitlyn Miller-ick a free throw.

St. Robert's B 26
South Church 22

Heather Maloney scored 8 points and was strong on the boards, while Lauren Vieira switched from guard to forward and tossed in a game-high 12 points, as St. Robert's B broke into the win column.

Jocelyn Gerety added 4 points and Samantha Berger had a basket for the victors.

Marianne Murphy led the answering fire for South with 8 points, Hannah

ACBL STANDINGS

SENIOR BOYS STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Robert's A	4	0	181	95
St. Robert's B	4	0	164	106
South	3	1	154	128
St. Augustine A	2	1	79	61
Faith Lutheran	1	2	115	113
Ballardvale United	1	2	65	88
St. Augustine D	1	3	97	123
St. Augustine C	0	3	43	96
St. Augustine B	0	4	83	171

SENIOR GIRLS STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
St. Robert's A	3	0	87	51
St. Augustine A	3	0	76	61
St. Augustine B	3	1	116	85
West Parish	1	2	58	64
St. Robert's C	1	3	99	123
St. Robert's B	1	3	52	92
South	0	3	59	71

Brady had 6, Heather Flemming 4, Jeanmarie Gossard 2 and Maya Lucaci-Vashee 2.

ROUNDUP

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Stowe (13th), Ellen Donahue (14th) and Libby Driscoll (15th).

"We were ready," said second-year head coach Tom Busta. "We had a great practice the day before the meet, followed by a pasta dinner given by the AHS Ski Boosters that evening in the high school cafe. The girls were pumped for the competition. They've really come together as a team."

"This was a big meet right at the start because North Andover finished second in the league last year. Our kids were focused and everyone put together terrific runs."

"Despite a knee injury (from soccer),

Lisa Tylus skied very well and was only 74/100ths behind the top skier of the day (Masco's Adrienne LeClair at 20.18)," said Busta.

"Every other girl who finished in the top 15 against North Andover improved over last year."

"The pleasant surprise of the day was freshman Jennie Williams in the JV race. She put together a run that placed her top 20 in the league. That's the fast track to the varsity."

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

John D'Ambrosio posted his second consecutive double win, placing first in the 100-yard butterfly and 100 backstroke, but defending Merrimack Valley Conference champ Chelmsford had too much depth and power on the way to a 93-74 dual-meet triumph over the

Andover High boys swim and dive team at the Lowell High pool.

The loss brought coach Mark Taffe's squad to the mid-point of its regular season with a 1-3 record.

Schedule

The locals host Nashua, N.H. High Saturday at the Greater Lawrence Tech pool (1 p.m.).

Chelmsford 93
Andover 74

D'Ambrosio, who won the sprint freestyle races the previous meet against Haverhill, this time touched first in the 100-yard butterfly (1:02.43) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.84).

However Chelmsford, 3-0 in the conference and 4-1 overall, won eight of the 12 events and swept the one-meter diving and 100 freestyle.

Other winners for AHS were senior Capt. Jim Russo in the 200 free (1:56.84) and freshman Colin Callahan in the 100 breaststroke (1:17.59).

Russo also had a second in the 50 free (24.94), while junior Luke Moskal was runner-up in the 200 IM (2:19.31) and 500 free (5:30.16).

Sophomore Justin Crocker placed second in the 200 free (2:00.75) and third in the 50 free (25.50).

Senior Thiago Santos contributed a second in the 100 breast (1:32.40).

AHS was third in all three relays.

The 200 medley team consisted of Crocker, Callahan, junior Rich Roda and junior James Paull (2:03.88). The 200 free quartet included Callahan, Roda, Moskal and D'Ambrosio (1:46.25), while the 400 free crew boasted Moskal, freshman Mike Avila, freshman Chris Lee and D'Ambrosio (4:11.94).

POLICE LOG

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parked in his driveway. An officer reported the car belonged to a Lowell resident and tried to contact her. The car owner called the station at 7:20 a.m. and said "she had left the car in the driveway while she went off with someone else." The woman had removed the car by the time of her call to police. She was told not to park in the resident's driveway without getting permission.

At 5:46 p.m., an Andover woman reported her 1996 Saturn had been stolen from the Grassfields parking lot. The vehicle was recovered in Lawrence at 11:54 a.m. the next day with some damage.

Sunday, Jan. 9 - At 12:04 a.m., Ramada Hotel security reported someone had broken into a vehicle.

Monday, Jan. 10 - At 1:44 p.m., a Brickstone Square business employee reported someone had stolen his car from the parking lot some time after 10 a.m.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 5 - At 8:45 a.m.,

a woman reported her car was hit while she was at a St. Augustine Church service.

Sunday, Jan. 9 - At 9:33 p.m., a woman reported a hit-and-run accident to her car while it was parked at Shawsheen Plaza.

Monday, Jan. 10 - At 10:21 a.m., state police advised they had received a report of a hit-and-run accident without injuries on Dascomb Road. Officers requested an ambulance for a driver complaining of back pain, and noted it was not a hit-and-run accident, as both cars involved were at the scene.

Tuesday, Jan. 11 - At 6:31 p.m., Andover police assisted state police with an accident where a person was thrown out of a vehicle on Interstate 93 North by Dascomb Road (see story, page 4).

VANDALISM

There were five related incidents, including one incident where a Salem Street resident reported that someone was throwing trash on his lawn. The man reported Monday that he had found a rabbit that had been shot in his trash. An officer reported the rabbit was not shot.

Resolution ...

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offered a free week of classes.

"Even if you took the free week of classes and go back to your club having learned something, we've accomplished something. I hate to see people hurting their bodies," says Luby, adding that she tries to teach clients how to work their bodies efficiently.

"It's quite a simple thing to honor your own body and your own alignment," Luby says.

Ron Hatem, owner of the Andover Training Station gym in Dundee Park, says they too sell lots of gift certificates at Christmas time, and their trainers spend January trying to get members to keep appointments.

One Training Station trainer says she encourages new clients not to try to work off all their holiday weight by coming seven days a week, but to start with a moderate program and stick to it.

They may have found success in Paul Roy, 57, of North Andover. He joined the Training Station nearly six months ago. He attends three times a week and uses a variety of equipment. He's also trying out the Atkins diet.

His goal was simply to stay healthy, he says.

"I just didn't want to let myself go," Roy says.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 9:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, for a proposed amendment to the Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land which would prohibit more than one residential structure on a lot or parcel of land in the town without the consent of the Planning Board. The full text of the amendment may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER
PLANNING BOARD
Michael H. Miller, Esq.,
Chairman
January 6 & 13, 2000

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX DIVISION Docket No. 99P2512-EP2 NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH K. GLIDDEN.

To all persons interested in the estate of ELIZABETH K. GLIDDEN late of the County of Essex Date of Death, October 1, 1999.

A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that a certain instrument be probated purporting to be the last will, first codicil and a copy of second codicil of said deceased by RALPH H. ARABIAN of Andover in the County of Essex praying that he be appointed executor thereof, without giving sureties on his bond. JOHN T. CINELLA, other named executor in said will having declined to serve.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem, 36 Federal St., Salem, MA 01970 BEFORE 10:00 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 31, 2000.

Wills only: In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Edward J. Rockett, Esquire, First Justice of said Court. Date December 30, 1999.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate Court
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Dana P. Bissett and Stephen T. Bissett to First Essex Bank, FSB, dated August 8, 1997 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4816, Page 17, of which mortgage Principal Residential Mortgage, Inc. is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on January 31, 2000, on the mortgaged premises located at 131 Chandler Road Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

A certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated on the northeasterly side of Chandler Road in said Andover, County of Essex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being shown as Lot 1 on "Plan of property owned by Roscoe M. Johnson, West Andover, Mass., September 24, 1958", said plan being recorded with North Essex Registry of Deeds as Plan #3755, said premises being more particularly bounded and described follows:

Southwesterly in two courses measuring one hundred sixty one feet and one hundred thirty and 50/100 feet by Chandler Road as shown on said plan; thence

Northwesterly in two courses measuring fifty two and 50/100 feet and three hundred forty feet by a stonewall and land now or formerly of Tisbert as shown on said plan; thence

Northeasterly two hundred eighty and 50/100 by land now or formerly of Austin Basso as shown on said plan; and

Southeasterly three hundred ten feet by Lot #2 as shown on said plan.

For mortgagors' title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4816, Page 15.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE, INC.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Francis J. Nolan, Esquire
150 California Street
Newton, MA 02458
(617)558-0500

January 6, 13 & 20, 2000

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Roy J. Brandano to Express Funding, Inc., dated November 15, 1994 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 4164, Page 312, of which mortgage Bankers Trust Company, as Trustees for Holders of DLJ Mortgage Acceptance Corp., Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates is the present holder by assignment, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 2:00 p.m. on February 9, 2000, on the mortgaged premises located at 32 Alcott Way, Unit 32 Alcott Village Condominium, North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Unit #32, in Alcott Village Condominium, together with an undivided 2.5641% interest in the common areas and facilities of Alcott Village Condominium located at Andover Bypass, Route 125, North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, a condominium established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as amended, by Master Deed, dated July 19, 1989, and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 2981, Page 1, and managed and regulated by the Trustee of Alcott Village Condominium Trust under Declaration of Trust dated July 19, 1989, recorded in Book 2981, Page 25. The Unit is shown on floor plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and also on the copy of the portion of said plans to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 4164, Page 311.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements, improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

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Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE
FOR HOLDERS OF DLJ MORTGAGE
ACCEPTANCE CORP., MORTGAGE PASS-
THROUGH CERTIFICATES.
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Lori A. Bolduc, Esquire
150 California Street
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January 13, 20 & 27, 2000

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties that sold in Andover from Aug. 26-Sept. 23, 1999.

1 Stephen D. Rogers and Jami G. Cope bought **7 Appletree Lane** for \$284,000, from Robert M. and Charlene T. Dalton. The mortgage is with Washington Mutual Bank FA.

2 Heather L. Lauten bought **293 Lowell St.** for \$317,000, from George D. and Marie K. Donovan. The mortgages are with SIB Mortgage Corp. and Ivy Mortgage.

3 ZCS Inc. bought **12 Cardinal Lane** for \$200,000, from Zeneca Inc. The mortgage is with Chase Manhattan International Limited Trust.

4 ATM Realty Corp. bought **North Street-Chandler Road** for \$550,000, from Deborah J. Douglass and Kathleen H. Curran.

5 Kurt Sandmann and Nancy Delicelli bought **5-7 Brechin Terrace** for \$230,000, from Marianne and Albert M. DiDonato, Jr. The mortgage is with Powder House Mortgage Co. Inc.

6 Richard J. and Deborah A. Guarino bought **19 Carter Lane** for \$735,000, from David and Anne Marie Crandall. The mortgage is with Mortgage Partners Inc.

7 Peter and Shoe Ying Barmettler bought **4 Gemini Circle** for \$354,900, from James A. and Josephine Santosousso. The mortgage is with Mortgage Partners Inc.

8 Ronald Herskowitz bought **1 Windsor St.** for \$349,000, from Susan and Peter R. Wojtkun. The mortgage is with Mortgage Partners Inc.

9 Jason Haskell and Nonnie M. Estella bought **54 Maple Ave.** for \$339,900 from Michael J. Cronin and Brian J. McNamara. The mortgages are with Fleet Mortgage Corp. and Fleet National Bank.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This home, at 3 Buttonwood Drive, was recently sold for \$869,000.

10 Katherine B. and Alexander D. Crosett III bought **24 Acorn Drive** for \$847,000, from Acorn Realty Trust, Janis L. Cates Tr. The mortgage is with E-Loan.

11 David M. and Sibley B. Barrett bought **3 Buttonwood Drive** for \$869,000, from Susan C. and Anthony J. Ciulla. The mortgage is with Bank of America.

12 Lynn W. and Peter K. Smiledge bought **72 Central St.** for \$585,000, from Deborah R. and Peter W. Smith. The mortgages are with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

13 Tara and Anthony L. Clark bought **26 Hearthstone Place** for \$575,000, from Mei-Hsing Lin, Mei-Hsing Kuo and Jan-Heng Kuo. The mortgage is with First Eastern Mortgage Corp.

14 Jody and David Jordan bought **13 Hansom Road** for \$345,000, from Gillian

Beg. The mortgage is with Hunneman Mortgage Corp.

15 Catherine T. Collier bought **40A Washington Park Drive** for \$107,000 from Lelia and Anthony Puma. The mortgage is with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts Inc.

16 William L. and Allison H. Johnson bought **72 Dascumb Road** for \$309,000, from Edward C. and Christine M. Achorn. The mortgages are with Mortgage Master Inc. and Chase Manhattan Bank USA NA.

17 Jeffrey S. and Katherine Eisenbach bought **17 Inwood Lane** for \$450,000, from David R. and Melissa A. Deveau. The mortgages are with Norwest Mortgage of Massachusetts and Norwest Bank Colorado NA.

Source: Essex County Registry of Deeds, Lawrence Branch.

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the application of the Andover School of Montessori for a modification of a Site Plan Special Permit (SP96-09) issued by the Planning Board on March 8, 1996, said modification to allow an increase in the maximum allowed occupancy of the school from 150 persons to 170 persons (students and staff), and to allow for the placement of a 912 square foot modular classroom adjacent to the main school structure. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, January 25, 2000, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on the application of 500 Minuteman Limited Partnership for a modification of a Site Plan Special Permit (SP97-17) to allow for the construction of two (2) hotels on one of the subdivision lots in Minuteman Park; said hotels to be in place of a 150,000 square foot office building previously approved on said lot; the proposed hotels to be a 85,648 square foot three story Marriott Residence Inn with 120 rooms and 132 parking spaces, and a 74,765 square foot four story Marriott Spring Hills Suites with 134 rooms and 147 parking spaces, all situated at 500 Minuteman Road (off River Road), and more specifically identified as Lot 4, on Assessor's Map 165. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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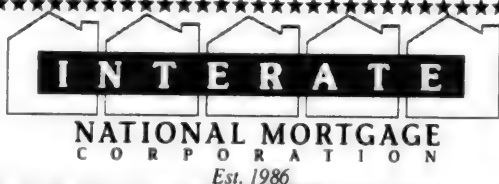
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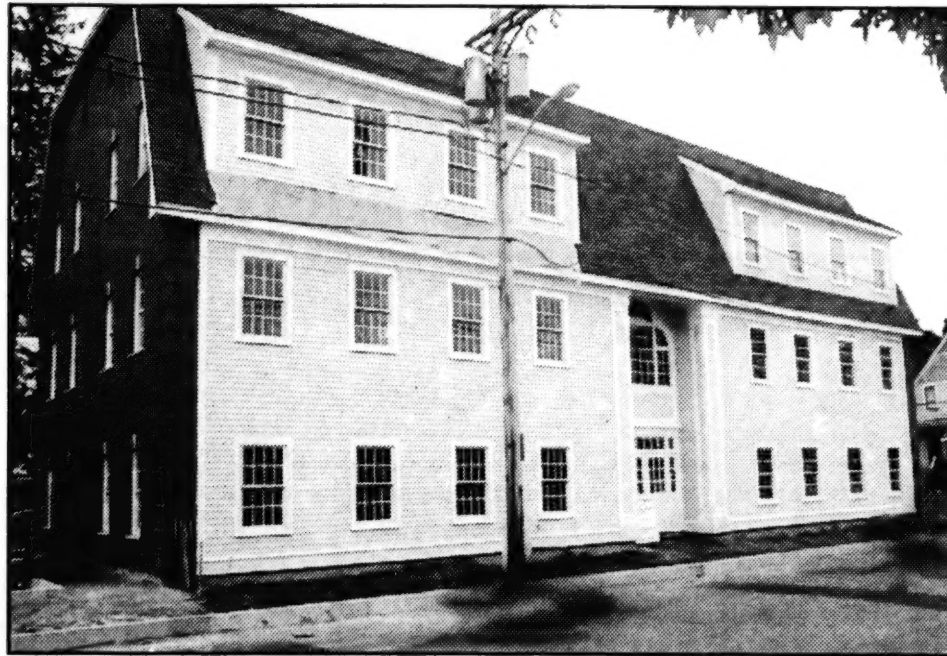
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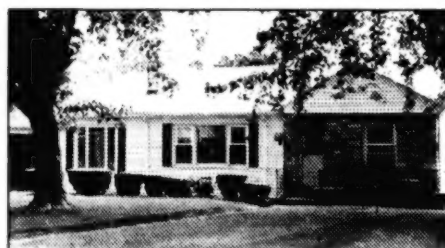
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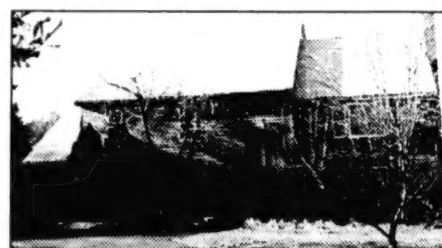
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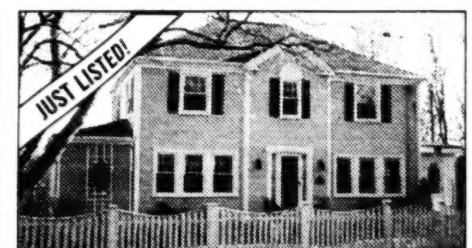
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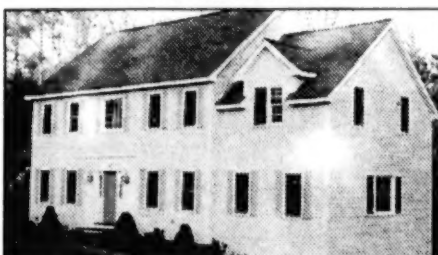
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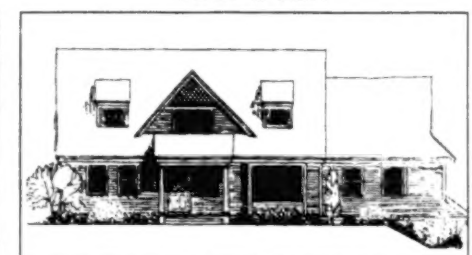
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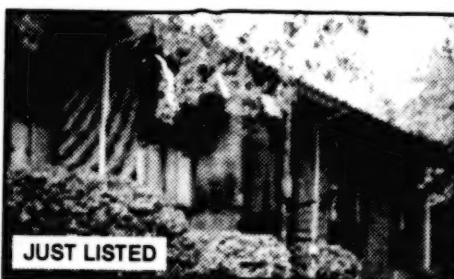
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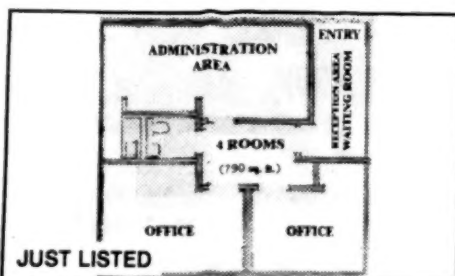
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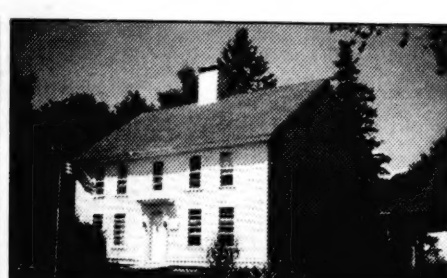
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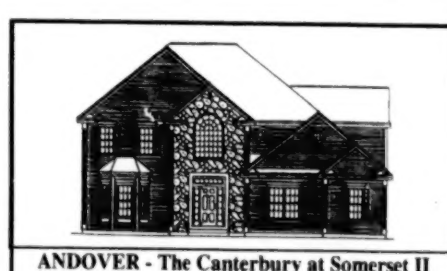
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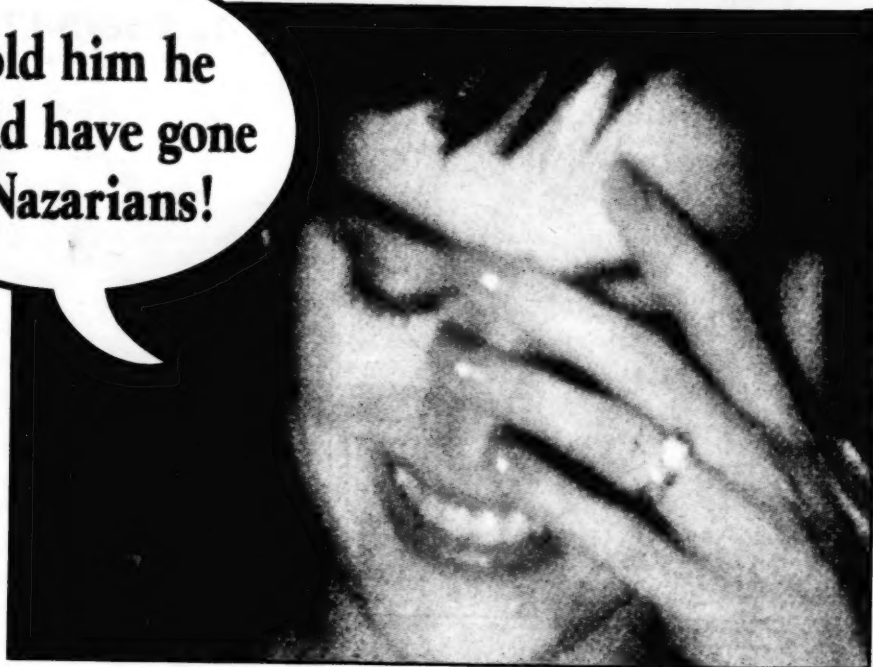
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